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IDF kills two Hizbullah gunmen in Lebanon

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

IDF soldiers struck at a number of Hizbullah squads making their way toward IDF positions just inside the security zone on Friday, killing at least two Hizbullah gunmen and wounding others, the army said.

One IDF soldier was very lightly wounded. Reports from Lebanon said three Hizbullah gunmen were killed in the action. Hizbullah did not confirm that it suffered any casualties.

The firefight sparked a weekend of incessant shelling, culminating with an IAF air raid on Hizbullah mortar positions north of the security zone.

In Beirut, meanwhile, a bomb exploded in a taxi, killing its driver and a member of the Amal militia. Amal, a smaller Syrian-backed Shi'ite Moslem organization, blamed Israel for the killing, but police in Lebanon declined to comment on the motive.

The five-nation committee monitoring the understandings reached after Operation Grapes of Wrath yesterday condemned Hizbullah's firing of Katyusha rockets at northern Israel last Monday. The committee said at the end of four days of talks that it was the responsibility of the Lebanese government to prevent Hizbullah from launching such attacks.

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It was the first time that the committee placed responsibility squarely on Lebanon for stopping Hizbullah attacks against Israeli civilians.

The weekend clashes began early Friday when Hizbullah gunmen were detected setting up ambushes against IDF soldiers near the position at Karkum, just over the border from Moshav Zarit. The army said its troops headed off the Hizbullah guerrillas by stealthily moving through the thicket and hills and then wiping them out in a fierce firefight.

The IDF confirmed that two Hizbullah fighters were killed and others were wounded.

Lebanese security officials reported that the clash involved rocket-propelled grenades and heavy automatic gunfire and that Hizbullah responded with a mortar barrage on IDF and SLA targets. Israel replied with 150 shells of 155mm artillery rounds aimed at Hizbullah hideouts and mortar posts, military sources said.

Shortly later, IAF aircraft hit at Hizbullah positions in the villages of Yater, Zibkine and Jebal al-Boutom. Two jets reportedly staged three sorties within an hour, firing at least six missiles.

The IDF confirmed its planes attacked terrorist origins of fire near Yater village, east of the port city of Tyre, but did not comment on raids near Zibkine.

The IDF said the pilots reported "good" hits. There were no reports of casualties from the air raid.

It was the fourth air strike in Lebanon since Wednesday and the 117th since last year's Operation Grapes of Wrath.

Hizbullah claimed that its guerrillas killed five Israeli soldiers and even downed an Israeli Cobra helicopter gunship, but this was flatly denied by the IDF.

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Netanyahu en route to Far East

By JAY BUSHINSKY and news agencies

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's Japanese hosts hope he will update them on the Arrow anti-missile project and on the possible spread of nuclear weapons technology in the Middle East during his three-day official visit to Japan, which begins this evening.

After Tokyo, he proceeds on Wednesday to Seoul, South Korea, for a two-day stay and then flies to Baku, Azerbaijan, on Friday, before returning home.

Experts in Japan's foreign and defense policies believe Tokyo's interest in the weapons buildup will supersede interest in expanding bilateral trade and intensify political involvement in the

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...ional dispute.

Netanyahu, however, hopes to deepen trade relations and encourage more investment in Israel, including joint ventures.

"Israel is extremely powerful in innovation and technology, in bringing products to market in one-half the time or one-third the time of our competitors," Netanyahu said. "We have that technological know-how. What we lack is capital and market capacity and this is what so many of the countries of the East, take Japan and Korea .... can bring to bear.

He said he also would reassure investors that a crisis in Israel's relations with the Palestinians should not scare them away.

The experts do not anticipate the same level of hospitality and cordiality that was afforded the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin during his visit to Japan in December 1994.

"Unlike Rabin, who was accommodated in one of the Japanese capital's royal palaces, Netanyahu is being put up in a hotel," one analyst said.

The experts conceded, however, that Japanese protocol requires that heads of government stay in appropriate hotels rather than in palaces and the honor bestowed on Rabin was an exception, evidently made because of his unique status as an international statesman.

Bilateral trade "soared" during Rabin's tenure and Japanese business leaders began investigating prospects of using Israel as the hub of their Middle Eastern operations. But it tapered off and the entrepreneurial enthusiasm declined with the sagging fortunes of the peace process, the experts said.

The Israeli delegation, which includes a large contingent of business executives and senior officials, will not be able to share any aspects of the Arrow missile technology with Japan, however, because it is an exclusively Israeli-American project, they noted.

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Hitchhike murder suspect confesses

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Daniel Okev, 45, a reserve major in the IDF, confessed to police on Friday that he had shot two British hitchhikers – Charlotte Gibb, 20, and her 22-year-old boyfriend Jeffrey Max Hunter – on August 13, after picking them up in Eilat.

Hunter died instantly and Gibb was treated by IDF soldiers, who found her on the road, and then was transferred to Soroka Hospital.

On Friday, Okev, a father of two, was remanded for 15 days by Beersheba Magistrate's Court, where he told police he was unable to give any motive for shooting the two hitchhikers.

He reportedly told police he may suffer from a split personality.

Yesterday police videotaped Okev as he reenacted the crime at the site of the shooting.

"I remember hearing shots fired and the gun was in my hand, I know I hit them because they fell. I don't remember how many shots were fired at them, but after, I looked around and couldn't see anyone and the gun was in my hand," Okev told police.

Okev said he was returning from Taba and showed police where he picked up Hunter and Gibb at about 1:30 a.m. He told them after traveling along the highway he turned off at Ketura Junction, turned left at the Tzihur Junction and left again heading in the direction of Mitzpe Ramon.

Okev said approximately 10 kilometers after the Tzihur Junction he stopped the car near the edge of a cliff, telling Gibb and Hunter he was taking a cigarette break. Okev and Hunter got out of the car and lit up a cigarette. Gibb, who had been sleeping in the back seat, woke up a few minutes after the car had stopped and joined the two.

Okev said he went to the car and opened the trunk, taking out a bottle of drink, which he sipped. Gibb and Hunter drank from a bottle of mineral water they were carrying, he said. Okev stood at the cliff edge and discussed the visible constellations with Hunter and Gibb. He said he spoke to the two in Hebrew and used hand signs, while Hunter translated for Gibb.

Okev said he then returned to the car and asked Gibb and Hunter to get in.

The two, he said, were gazing at the stars. As Gibb and Hunter turned towards the car, Okev picked up a gun that was under his seat and shot at them.

Hunter, who was shot twice, fell to the ground and died instantly. Okev fired three shots at Gibb, wounding her in the hands and face.

Okev said he closed the car doors, turned the car around and headed towards Eilat. He told police he stopped at Kibbutz Samar, where he took the hitchhikers' bags out of the car and burned them.

He told police then continued driving, going through Eilat to Taba, where he parked his car at the border crossing and went through the border into Egypt on foot. He went to the casino at the Hilton Hotel in Taba. The following day he returned to Israel, picked up his car and drove to his Even Yehuda home.

A policeman at a roadblock set up at the northern entrance to Eilat stopped his car after receiving information that police were searching for a Peugeot 309. Okev told the policeman he was a major in the reserves and the policeman allowed him to pass through.

Several days later, police determined that the car they were searching for belonged to Okev.

Police say the breakthrough in the murder investigation came last Monday when the policeman at the roadblock recalled seeing a Peugeot 309 pass through. By tracing the car, they found Okev, arresting him on Friday. Upon being arrested, he reportedly told police that he had been waiting for them.

Gibb had given police a detailed description of the man who shot her and Hunter and police reportedly found Hunter's fingerprints in Okev's car.

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Daniel Okev (center) is surrounded by policemen during his remand hearing at Beersheba Magistrate's Court Friday. (Avi Mahul, Courtesy of 'Ma'ariv')

Alleged Mossad link to JFK murder stirs debate

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES – Following a day of protests, organizers yesterday canceled a college seminar after a speaker claimed he was going to show how the Mossad masterminded the assassination of president John F. Kennedy.

The incident casts a sharp light on the fevered subculture of conspiracy theorists, which is flourishing on the Internet and is apparently also seeking a foothold in academe.

Early last week, the trustees of the South Orange County Community College District approved $5,000 to fly in four guest panelists to participate in a September 26-28 seminar on who was behind Kennedy's November 1963 assassination.

Casting a tie-breaking vote to hold the seminar was Steven T. Frogue, president of the board of trustees and an organizer of the seminar.

Frogue, a high school history teacher, was once removed from the classroom for a year for allegedly making racist comments. He has been a persistent foe of the Anti-Defamation League and its regional director, Joyce Greenspan.

In a newspaper interview last fall, Frogue labeled the ADL "a group of spies," and declared that "Harvey Lee Oswald [Kennedy's assassin] worked for the ADL...I believe the ADL was behind it." Frogue invited an eclectic mix of speakers to the seminar, which the college advertised as a "high-quality community education."

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Barak offers party workers 10-day cooling off period

Barricaded employees reject proposal, Peretz weighing it

By SARAH HONIG

With striking employees barricading themselves in Labor Party headquarters over Shabbat, party chairman Ehud Barak yesterday proposed a 10-day delay in implementing the dismissals of more than half the staff.

The employees rejected his proposal, but Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz weighed it with senior advisers late last night.

Meanwhile the headquarters on Tel Aviv's Rehov Hayarkon was festooned with black flags and stenciled silhouettes of footprints, above a heading that read: "Barak flees again." Labor staffers celebrated Shabbat with food and drink supplied by the Histadrut.

Barak defended his dismissal of 36 of 70 employees on Friday, saying yesterday he had "not made a mistake.

"The dismissals were the outcome of absolute necessity. The party is in deep debt. We are in the red to the tune of NIS 85 million. We have no funds for any political activity. Everything goes to the payroll."

Few, if any, Labor politicians came out in Barak's defense. He was widely accused of being insensitive at the party's Knesset faction meeting on Friday.

"If this is how you continue behaving, you have no hope of ever becoming prime minister," MK Eli Ben-Menahem said.

MK Eitan Cabel charged that "Barak regards this party as a liability. Why was no one among the MKs and the more experienced politicians consulted?"

The faction appointed Ben-Menahem and MKs Avraham Shohat and Yossi Katz to discuss the issue with the employees.

Peretz met late last night with senior legal advisers about whether to accept Barak's offer of a 10-day cooling-off period, during which negotiations with the workers would begin.

Before Barak offered the compromise, the Histadrut announced plans to bring the issue to the Tel Aviv Labor Court today and seek an injunction against the dismissals.

Weizmann Institute develops 'molecular radar'

By JUDY SIEGEL

Weizmann Institute researchers have become the first in the world to track biochemical signaling by enzymes inside a cell when it actually occurs.

The discovery – the subject of a cover story in the August 22 issue of *Science* – could increase understanding of embryonic development and how the signaling process goes haywire in diseases such as cancer.

"Previously, in studying message transmission inside the cells of a developing organism, we scientists were rather like people at an airport watching the planes take off and land," said Prof. Ben-Zion Shilo, head of the Rehovot institute's molecular genetics department.

"We could make some intelligent inferences about where the planes were going or where they had come from, but we couldn't see the course the plane was following," Shilo said.

He said that a method, part of a new "molecular radar" project, "gives us the ability equivalent to that of an air-traffic controller who looks at the dots on the radar screen to follow the movements of each plane step by step."

"We can suddenly look at processes in a cell or an embryo as they are happening, and don't have to infer things from consequences anymore," Shilo said.

The discovery could help resolve the mystery surrounding how cells that divide in formation of an embryo manage to form the different types of tissue involved in the makeup of a human or animal body.

The cells differentiate as a result of changes in genetic makeup, which are determined by signals or hormones released that attach to a receptor and set off a biochemical chain reaction that makes sure all the cell's molecules have "gotten the message."

This process, called phosphorylation, is what researchers Dr. Rony Seger and Limor Gabay, a doctoral student of the molecular genetics department, worked with, along with Shilo.

Using fruit flies, the team developed antibodies that would react only with molecules phosphorylated in a particular way. Since they could trace the antibodies, the researchers were actually able to observe the pathway of signal transmission in real time.

They followed the signal transmitted by a hormone-like messenger called epidermal growth factor (EGF) from when it attached to its receptor on the cell membrane until it delivered the message to genes in the cell nucleus.

They could see exactly when and where the signal was passed on and which cells in the embryo were affected by EGF at different stages of embryonic development.

The "molecular radar" technique can be used also to probe phosphorylation in other organisms, including humans, Shilo said. He said it could shed light on both normal development and uncontrolled tissue growth, as in tumors.

"It could be a useful diagnostic tool to find where things are going wrong," Shilo said. "If you can see where things are going wrong, you can set about finding specific ways to stop them."

The research was partly supported by grants from the US-Israel Bi-National Science Foundation, the UK-Israel Science and Technology Research Fund, the US Tobacco Research Council and the Minerva Foundation in Munich.

Matthew Strauss

NEWS
in brief

Report: School year to start on time
Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman announced last night that they had agreed on the education budget for the coming year, and as a result, the school year will start on time on September 1, Israel Radio reported.
Ministry officials met over the weekend, and reached agreement on a long school day and the total number of study hours, the radio reported, without giving details. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Search under way for missing soldier
Soldiers and police launched a massive search Friday for IDF soldier Guy Hever, who has been reported missing from his base on the Golan Heights since last Sunday.
Hever had been due to face a disciplinary hearing before he left the base, but his parents reported that he did not return home. They issued a statement saying they had been promised by senior IDF officers that he would not be punished if he returned to his base. *Itim*

US advises Americans to be cautious in Israel
The US said on Friday that violent attacks in Israel recently "have shifted to pedestrian centers and shopping centers. [US] citizens are advised to exercise caution in high traffic or crowded areas, particularly in Jerusalem." In updating a warning issued late last month after the Mahaneh Yehuda bombing, the State Department urged Americans to avoid large crowds and political demonstrations at all times. *Reuters*

Former justice Moshe Etzioni dies
Former Supreme Court justice Moshe Etzioni died yesterday at the age of 79. Etzioni started his legal career during the British mandate and served as president of the Haifa Magistrate's Court. He was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1970, and retired when he was 70.
The funeral will take place at Kibbutz Merhavia at 5 p.m. today. *Itim*

Taiba woman killed in car accident
A 23-year-old Taiba resident died yesterday morning shortly after her car swerved off the road and overturned while she was on her way from Taiba to Tira.
A Magen David Adom ambulance took the woman, who has two children, to a hospital. She died shortly afterwards. *Itim*

PA: We're protecting officials against Israeli attacks

By JON IMMANUEL

The Palestinian Authority said yesterday that it was taking steps to protect its leaders, following a report that Israel was preparing an assassination team to kill Hamas officials and PA Chairman Yasser Arafat.
Hassan Asfour, a senior Oslo negotiator, said the Palestinian Cabinet and PLO executive committee discussed the issue on Friday in Ramallah. He would not say what steps would be taken.
"The Palestinian side wants a clear answer from the Israeli side about the news that there is a commando team prepared to murder Hamas leaders and President Arafat," he said, adding that he was basing his information on Israeli newspapers quoting foreign reports.
The PA deemed the reports credible because, following the Mahaneh Yehuda bombing on July 30, Israel demanded the arrest of more than 200 Islamic radicals it considered to be involved in fomenting terror attacks and warned it would take action if Arafat did not. Arafat said he had no evidence against those on the list Israel provided and has refused to arrest them. This contrasts with his action after suicide bombings in March 1996, when he arrested more than 300 people in the first week.
"We cannot take the report [of assassin teams] as a joke," Asfour said. "We know this government is serious in trying to destroy the peace process. We are prepared for a new occupation. If this period returns we will prepare any means against it."
Amidst the general decline in cooperation over the past six months, Azmi Shuaibi, the initiator of a national service bill in the Palestinian Legislative Council now being discussed in committee, said that the bill he introduced July 9 would be amended to include a proposal for weapons training for youth to defend national institutions.
At a meeting of Israeli and Palestinian journalists in Ramallah, sponsored by the International Center for Peace in the Middle East, he said, "We are afraid of madmen and security forces who will try to attack Palestinian institutions, so we want our youth to defend them."
Shuaibi, former PA sports and youth minister, said he anticipated that some trainees would pass the training course and be issued light weapons.
"Oslo does not forbid training," he said. "We can train as many as we like in the use of light weapons, just as we train potential police recruits, and then dismiss most of them as not suitable. This is not against the letter of the Oslo agreement. Perhaps it is against the spirit, but Israel is also not adhering to the spirit of Oslo."
He did not rule out that the rejected trainees might one day be called up to use weapons if the peace process died. Shuaibi said Israel should be grateful that the PA wants to absorb youth into its military ranks, "because if they are not absorbed in defense of the Palestinian Authority they will be recruited by Hamas."
Arafat has told reporters in Ramallah he expected "worse to come" due to the deteriorating state of the peace process, held out the possibility that "all options are open" and insisted that his unity talks with Hamas were an internal affair. But he also said he was committed to security coordination.
A Hamas leaflet which responded to US criticism of the PA's attitude to a security crackdown, said that the "the US is the main enemy of peace. This is a degrading peace which the US is trying to impose on the Palestinian people."
Shuaibi's proposal that high-school graduates be drafted for compulsory national service of six months to one year was originally presented as an effective way of contributing to the Palestinian economy, reducing unemployment and instilling a sense of public service.
At the time David Bar-Illan, the prime minister's communications director, called it "a camouflage for openly setting up an army draft. That a draft has been announced is a severe violation of the Oslo accords."


A PA policeman watches a youth throw stones at IDF troops near Rachel's Tomb yesterday (Reuters)

Netanyahu complains to Albright

News agencies

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu phoned US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright last night to complain that Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat was not honoring the agreements reached with US envoy Dennis Ross during the latter's recent visit and is not carrying out his commitment to fight terror.
He said that Arafat's recent meeting with the heads of Hamas and Islamic Jihad and the PA chairman's recent extreme statements are not contributing to the peace process.
Netanyahu also phoned Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Jordan's King Hussein, warning them that the peace process is in danger unless there was a real change in the Palestinian leader's stance toward Islamic militants, a statement said.
Netanyahu has demanded that Arafat round up Hamas activists, disarm the group and cut off its funding.

3 border policemen released on bail

News agencies

The three border policemen accused of severely beating two Palestinians with logs and rocks were released Friday on NIS 95,000 bail each.
The three will remain under house arrest until the start of their trial on charges of aggravated assault, abduction and abuse of power, said court spokesman Moshe Gorali. No date has been set.
Jerusalem District Court Judge Daniela Wexler said the recently reformed detention laws did not allow her to keep the three in custody any longer even though the defendants' actions were extraordinary in their cruelty, Israel Radio reported.
The indictment said the officers stopped the two Palestinians earlier this month at a Jerusalem checkpoint and took them to a secluded forest, where they beat them with logs and rocks. One man was tied by his leg to their jeep and dragged along the ground for several dozen meters, the indictment said.
The three defendants – 21-year-old Michael Odrenko, 22-year-old Shai Ashtamker and 20-year-old Nissim Adolter – have reportedly confessed to the beatings of Mahmoud Renim and Ahmed Moussa.

Long-time Knesset Clerk Shmuel Jacobson dies

By LIAT COLLINS

Shmuel Jacobson, who was the Knesset clerk for 14 years until his retirement in January, died Friday night at the age of 68. He was buried Saturday night in Jerusalem.
On hearing of Jacobson's death, Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon said: "The 121st MK has passed away. Jacobson worked for 47 years in the Knesset and was for me the pillar of Israeli democracy."
Tichon noted that Jacobson was loved and respected by MKs across the political spectrum and had been called "Mr. House Rules" for his great knowledge of Knesset procedure and regulations.
Jacobson started his Knesset career at the age of 21 as a Knesset recorder. He was promoted over the years and held various positions, including deputy Knesset clerk and acting clerk, before being appointed Knesset clerk in 1983. He was deputy president of the international association of parliamentary clerks and was well known for his vast knowledge on parliamentary issues.
He retired from the position of clerk in January, but continued to serve Tichon in a special advisory capacity. He is survived by his wife Shulamit, children and grandchildren.


Shmuel Jacobson

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Unlike the Republic of Korea, which has been anticipating Netanyahu's arrival with marked enthusiasm, Japan has adopted a comparatively cool attitude towards the prime minister's visit.
On the other hand, as the nation which heads the multilateral commission on water in the Middle East, Japan may show considerable interest in a desalination scheme, set to operate in Jordan and provide water to the Palestinian Authority as well. This will depend largely on continuation and progress in the Middle East peace process, however.
Netanyahu said he would also push for landing rights in Japan for El Al and the establishment of direct air links with Israel.
Although Japan has shown considerable sympathy for the Palestinian side of the local conflict and donated substantial funds to the Palestinian Authority, this attitude was adversely affected by disclosures of fiscal irregularities in the PA.
The prime minister's first stop in the Far East today will be Beijing, where he will meet a Chinese government minister before proceeding to Japan.

Palestinians stone soldiers near Rachel's Tomb

By JON IMMANUEL

Some 300 Palestinians took part in a march on an IDF post by Rachel's Tomb next to Bethlehem yesterday to protest the continued closure of the town. IDF troops responded with tear gas and rubber bullets when some of the several dozen youths who arrived at the tomb threw stones towards them.
Many of the youths wore keffiyehs to hide their faces. At one point, some of the protesters burned an Israeli flag. A similar protest by Fatah, including keffiyeh-wearing youths carrying automatic weapons, was held in the Palestinian-controlled section of Hebron to protest Israeli policies.
Palestinian police wearing gas masks looked on but did not intervene. No injuries were reported.
Israel has continued the internal closure on Bethlehem and its suburbs, after removing it from all other West Bank towns more than a week ago. This is because of reports that the explosives used in the Mahaneh Yehuda bombing may have come from a bomb factory discovered in Beit Sahur, which is next to Bethlehem, and because the second most wanted Islamic terror planner, Moheddin Sherif, was hiding in the town.
The Bethlehem march was joined by senior local officials, who complained that the continued closure was destroying tourism and business.
"They will lift the closure or we will burn the ground underneath their feet," one masked youth told Reuters.

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Okev's wife Metuka told Channel 1 last night that she had been able to speak with her husband on the phone and he told her to be strong and apologized for hurting his children.
"He can't explain what happened. It is not like him, he never hurt anyone, never shouted or lifted a finger [against] the children or anyone else," she said.
Neighbors were reportedly shocked on hearing the news, saying Okev was a helpful, quiet person.
"It must have been a moment of craziness," said his wife, adding, "he didn't hide anything, clean the car or throw away the gun."
Meanwhile in an interview on Army Radio, Hunter's father Norman praised the police, adding that he had thought his son had been the victim of a terrorist attack.
"I was surprised to learn that the suspect is an IDF officer," he said. "It is a shame that a person who is trained by the army uses his training to kill innocent people."
He said he was glad that the police had acted swiftly in finding the person responsible for his son's murder.
"I think only about my son's girlfriend, who will continue to suffer for a long time. We comfort ourselves in believing that our son has gone to a better place and we are not interested in hearing the murderer's motive, but my wife feels sorry for him," he said.
"Our son was with us for 22 wonderful years and we are thankful for every day we spent by his side," he said.
Hunter's father said Gibb's condition was improving rapidly and that she was glad to hear that police had arrested a suspect.

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In Beirut, a bomb exploded in the capital's central district, killing Khalil Musawi, a military official in Amal, and Abdel Reda Barakat, a driver of a pro-Syrian minister, a source close to the minister told Reuters.
An Amal statement blamed the blast on Israel and said that Amal militiamen would continue attacking IDF and SLA forces in retaliation. There was no immediate reaction from Israel on Amal's accusations.
Barakat was a part-time driver of Social Affairs Minister Ayyoub Hmayyed, a senior political official of Amal.
AP reported that the bomb went off when Musawi opened the trunk of a Mercedes taxi. Musawi, AP said, was also a reporter for the state-run National News Agency in the village of Tibnin, and witnesses said he had just returned to Beirut from a visit to southern Lebanon.

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Cooling off

Montreal Canadiens hockey coach Roger Neilson (center) hits the ice last week at the Canada Center in Metulla with four participants in a two-week hockey camp sponsored by the United Israel Appeal of Canada for young local and Canadian hockey players. (Joe Malcolm)

Decision to hold Knesset session in K. Shmona slammed

By LIAT COLLINS

The decision by Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon to hold the special session of the Knesset this Wednesday in Kiryat Shmona has come under fire from Jerusalem Mayor and Likud MK Ehud Olmert and Labor MK Yona Yahav.

Yahav has asked Knesset legal adviser Zvi Inbar and the Knesset House Committee to review the decision and establish strict criteria on holding sessions outside the capital, in keeping with the spirit of the Basic Law: The Knesset.

Paragraph 26 of The Basic Law: The Knesset says Knesset sittings will take place in the Knesset building "but under special circumstances the Speaker is permitted, in consultation with the deputy speakers, to convene the Knesset in another place."

"The circumstances which led the Speaker to decide to hold a special sitting in Kiryat Shmona are not the circumstances which the legislators intended," said Yahav. "Strict criteria should be established to avoid a situation in which the Knesset holds meetings outside of Jerusalem without sufficiently good reason.

"Turning the Knesset into the 'Country Tours Co.' harms the centrality of Jerusalem. No parliament in the world acts like this and it would be best for the Knesset to also stick to the principle of not leaving Jerusalem, the capital."

Tichon said last night in response that the decision to hold the special session in Kiryat Shmona was made in consultation with the deputy speakers.

"It is an act of solidarity with residents of the north who have suffered years of unprecedented security problems and not in view of a specific incident," Tichon said.

"More than once residents of the north have expressed the feeling, following security incidents, that the rest of the country's citizens are not full partners to the difficulties they have to cope with. The unusual decision taken to hold the meeting in Kiryat Shmona is a gesture symbolizing the unity of Israel."

The special session was called in the recess by 60 MKs from the opposition and coalition to discuss security and economic issues.

Club Med to close northern resort

Club Med said on Friday that it will close its beach resort in northern Israel as a result of recent rocket attacks from Lebanon. The resort at Achziv, with cabanas on the Mediterranean about 12 km. south of the Lebanese border, was scheduled to close in early October but instead would shut down today, a spokeswoman said on condition of anonymity. (AP)

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW MICHAL YUDELMAN

The mood of despair deriving from the collapse of the peace process, the economic slowdown and unprecedented high unemployment, was picked up and reflected by the weekend media.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's election promises are like an iceberg which accidentally reached the Sahara desert: They are melting rapidly. From the "secure peace" remains no security and no peace, says *Ha'aretz*'s Yoel Marcus in his column "Dream thief."

"Netanyahu has frozen somewhere in the mentality of a UN ambassador. Information is all. Tactics for the moment is everything," Marcus writes. When it suits him, Netanyahu says there is no peace with terrorism; when it suits him, he says there is no connection between the peace process and terrorism.

"When it suits him, economics and peace go hand in hand; when it suits him otherwise, he says economy can thrive without peace. His verbal reactions after terrorist attacks or Katyushas are the same rusty cliches we've been hearing for two-three decades. But a leader is not measured by slogans, or by lowering expectations, or by scaring the nation, or extinguishing the light at the end of the tunnel, but by marking an attainable final stop," he states.

Our previous prime ministers, notes Marcus, "who gave us a dream, who knew how to impart the feeling that the last stop was worth the price, are those who will be remembered in history. The shortsighted, obstinate ones, who entrenched themselves in erroneous concepts and had no vision and no method, are those who brought us the wars and disasters."

Netanyahu, says Marcus, belongs to the shortsighted, obstinate group and is in fact a male Golda Meir. He has no solution to any problem, be it Lebanon, terrorism or advancing the peace. He is practicing his next CBS or CNN appearance by making mistakes at our expense.

"The reducer of expectations and dream thief is taking from the public its most precious asset: hope."

Despair as a way of life

In an article entitled "Profile of despair" *Ma'ariv*'s Michal Kafra goes to Ofakim, whose unemployment rate is the country's highest, with 1,700 job seekers, not counting 220 whose rights to unemployment compensation have just expired.

Most of Ofakim's residents voted for the Likud, but the mayor is Labor's Micha Herman. Herman tells Kafra how the Likud government cut down on benefits for entrepreneurs and reneged on promises to investors, thus driving away Vishay Intertechnology, which had planned to open a factory in Ofakim.

The directors-general committee headed by Avigdor Liberman is ignoring Ofakim, as is Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, whom Herman has tried to meet dozens of times without success. The unemployment is also increasing domestic violence, and with children who cannot go to courses or even to the swimming pool for lack of money, crime and drugs are on the rise.

"Anyone who understands a little in Israeli politics knows Herman and Ofakim have slim chances of getting any sympathy from this government. Friends he certainly doesn't have in this government. Neither has Ofakim," writes Kafra.

Yediot Aharonot's Yael Gevirtz visits several unemployment-afflicted towns looking for anger, but finding only despair. She notes that for many of the residents, who, incidentally voted for Netanyahu by a large majority, despair has become a way of life. They will not demonstrate in the streets. They continue hating Labor, whose government poured funds into them, and support Netanyahu, who closed the faucet, she concludes.

Ha'aretz's business editor Nehemia Strassler analyzes the economic situation, concluding that the reasons for the growing unemployment and recession are political and security-oriented. The two large steam engines which moved the economy forwards in 1994 and 1995 were stopped abruptly: There is no peace process, and the immigration from the former Soviet Union is dwindling.

The stalling of the peace process is driving away international companies that began investing in Israel after the Oslo agreement, because they believed Israel would turn into a regional economic-financial center.

Netanyahu reminds Strassler of a juggler whose three balls are up in the air, instead of just one.

Castles in the sand

The prime minister's family holiday is no more than a professional obligation, writes Yossi Klein in *Ha'aretz*, in a column about how Netanyahu's vacation was marketed to the public, "because his subjects don't know, actually, what he does, what the work of a prime minister is. It is doubtful whether he himself does."

Klein then proceeds to describe the difficulties of driving to a simple sail on the Kinneret in a convoy of cars with closed curtains, of eating mini-schnitzels in pita when a gorilla in dark glasses and a gun is staring at you blankly. The public on Ginnosar beach gazed in amazement at the state convoy, sweaty police with automatic rifles, suspicious men with small earphones, gray cars with flashing lights, broadcasting vans and mysterious buzzes from long antennae.

It began as a good week for Bibi, continues Klein. "The photographs showed lots of sand and few security guards, a lot of Sara and not one Yvette [Lieberman]. Then something went wrong. It began with the report of the 150,000 unemployed, while the father and son were building, in Caesarea of all places, castles in the sand. Then came the Katyushas."

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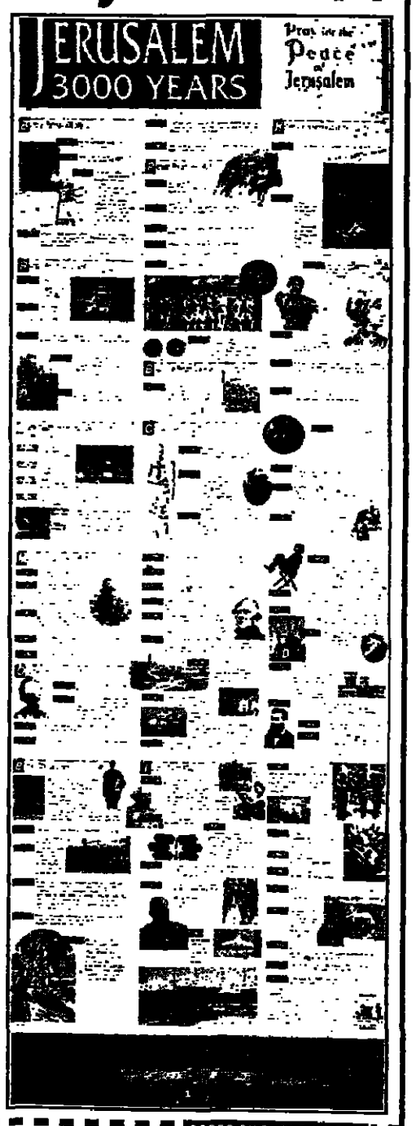
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Scare forces Burger King to remove beef

By SCOTT BAUER

COLUMBUS, Nebraska (AP) – Ham-and-cheese sandwiches replaced Whoppers at 700 Burger Kings across America this weekend as the largest meat recall in US history sent the fast-food chain scrambling for new beef suppliers.

The Hudson Foods Inc., hamburger patties were pulled Thursday night and Friday in a scramble to remove beef possibly tainted with the E. coli bacteria from consumers.

The recall of 25 million pounds (11 million kilos) of hamburger processed at a Hudson Foods plant here forced menu changes and inventory overhauls across the country, from Boston Market restaurants to Safeway, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club stores.

But Burger King, America's second-largest fast-food chain, was far most visibly affected: 1,650 restaurants in 28 states or one of every four Burger Kings in the US.

Seven hundred of those couldn't immediately replace their beef and had to substitute ham-and-cheese sandwiches and bacon-lettuce-and-tomato sandwiches for the Whopper. Beef's biggest competitors — chicken, pork and fish — also got a boost.

"I don't think I'll come back for a while," said Terry Brault, who settled for a fish sandwich at a Burger King in Minneapolis. "I should have gone to McDonald's." Burger King normally serves 4.6 million Whoppers a day, making it the world's largest-selling burger. But the company lost sales and even suspended a promotion for a new hickory-smoked Whopper.

"Absolutely, customers are concerned," said Paul Clayton, North American president of Miami-based Burger King Corp.

"Obviously, our sales are probably not what we'd want them to be." Clayton said Burger King pulled the meat as a precaution. It maintains a separate production line at the Hudson Foods plant and its own testing showed no contamination. He said the chain's flame-broiled cooking system guarantees beef is cooked at least to 155 F (68 C), which would kill E. coli bacteria.

Judge gives go ahead for sexual harassment suit against Clinton

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (AP) – A judge has permitted Paula Corbin Jones to go ahead with a sexual harassment lawsuit against President Clinton — but dismissed the claim that he defamed her.

US District Judge Susan Webber Wright said Friday she hoped the trial set for May 27 would take much less time than the lawyers' estimate of four weeks.

"I would hope we could try this case in five or six days — it doesn't look like a case that's worth anything more than that," she said.

In addition to dismissing the allegation that Clinton had defamed the former Arkansas state employee, the judge dismissed a claim that Mrs. Jones had been denied due process. The central allegation of sexual harassment was allowed to stand.

Clinton's attorney, Robert S. Bennett, asked that the trial begin in January, but agreed to wait until May.

Mrs. Jones' claims for emotional distress and outrage also remain part of the lawsuit, as does her claim of defamation against State Trooper Danny Ferguson, who was Clinton's bodyguard.

Mrs. Jones, who lives in California, sued Clinton in 1994, alleging he propositioned her three years previously, while he was Arkansas governor and she was a state worker. She claims she was transferred to a dead-end job after rejecting Clinton's advances in a downtown hotel room in the state capital during an economic conference.

Clinton denies Mrs. Jones' allegations and has asked that her lawsuit be dismissed. Clinton's lawyers also argue that even if he did make a pass once at Mrs. Jones, it would not have been harassment if it was dropped as soon as Mrs. Jones turned him down.

Clinton's lawyers last week asked the judge to limit initial questioning of potential witnesses to what allegedly happened at the Excelsior Hotel on May 8, 1991. Such limits are appropriate, they said, because if no evidence is found that Clinton harassed Mrs. Jones, it would be pointless for her lawyers to interview others.

Mrs. Jones' lawyers have subpoenaed a former White House employee to ask her whether Clinton ever made sexual advances toward her.

Her lawyers also have asked Arkansas state agencies to turn overemployment records that mention Mrs. Jones, any allegations or suggestions of sexual improprieties by Clinton, and the employment-related records of state troopers assigned to Clinton.

Three troopers have alleged they took Clinton to sexual trysts while he was governor, but one said last month that he confirmed stories that he knew to be untrue.



Paula Jones (left) and her husband, Steve Jones, outside the federal courthouse in Little Rock, Arkansas, on Friday, after a judge permitted her to go ahead with a sexual harassment suit against President Bill Clinton. (Reuters)



President Clinton walks beneath a nightclub sign reading 'Love and Happiness' on Friday, in Edgartown, Massachusetts. Clinton visited the club to attend a birthday party for first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's aide Kelly Craighead. (Reuters)

Mir prospects brighter after repair job

By DAVE CARPENTER

MOSCOW (AP) – The crew on Mir yesterday enjoyed a well-earned break, after apparently resolving a power problem on the aging space station and likely ensuring the Americans will send another astronaut aloft.

Most ground controllers, pleased and relieved after Friday's grueling repair mission, also were resting, while the crew relaxed and did cleanup work. Journalists were barred from Mission Control and officials' telephones rang unanswered.

After weeks of focusing on how to restore power lost in a June collision with a runaway cargo ship, the crews on both Mir and Earth still won't know for sure until after their weekend breather whether the efforts paid off.

On Monday, cosmonauts Anatoly Solovyov and Pavel Vinogradov and American astronaut Michael Foale are to chart out their next fix-it job and begin trying to bring the newly reconnected solar panels back on line.

"This is what we want to do, at least," Mission Control chief Vladimir Solovyov said Friday at the end of the interior spacewalk. "What will happen next we don't know." Barring another serious mishap, the repair job seems to have removed lingering doubt about the Russian-US partnership, put in question by the June 25 crash.

While NASA has avoided making a final commitment with the Mir mired in crisis all summer, an official at the US space agency indicated after Friday's success that the decision to replace Foale with David Wolf next month is all but assured.

"We feel very good that we're going to be able to achieve the program that we had planned for David" and his replacement, said Jim Van Laak, deputy director of NASA's shuttle-Mir program.

If he gets the go-ahead as expected, Wolf will head to the Mir on the space shuttle Atlantis on Sept. 25. He is to stay aboard the station until early 1998, when one final US astronaut will replace him.

President Clinton has said that while he is inclined not to cut US ties to the Mir, a decision whether to continue US participation hinges on the status of repairs.

In the meantime, Foale may get to participate in the next repair mission Sept. 3 — one of another five spacewalks needed to try to fix the ruptured Spektr module that was bashed by a cargo ship eight weeks ago.

The first and perhaps most challenging was performed Friday, when Vinogradov and Solovyov reopened the sealed module and reconnected 11 electric cables linking the Spektr's solar batteries with the rest of the station's power system.

The only thing they couldn't accomplish was to find the hole or holes caused by the crash — "to our great disappointment," as Solovyov put it.

But both sides were happy with the overall results.

"I'm sure it's helping to boost morale," Van Laak said.

Mars Pathfinder problem may be solved

LOS ANGELES (AP) – NASA scientists believe they may have found a way to keep the Mars Pathfinder from resetting its computer and breaking its connection to Earth.

Project Manager Brian Muirhead said Friday the crew at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory has theorized the computer keeps resetting because of the order in which it gets its commands. By rearranging those commands, NASA hopes to keep its connection with the spacecraft steady and avoid losing more data.

Russia space program will outlive Mir

By DAVE CARPENTER

MOSCOW (AP) – Sometime soon — in six months, a year, three years — the last cosmonaut will check out of the Mir and the venerable space station will be put out to orbital pasture, doomed to burn up in re-entry or fall to Earth in pieces.

But Russia's manned space program, despite its well-documented money troubles, won't crash and burn with it.

Rallying behind the maligned program at a time of intense international scrutiny, the Kremlin has made clear it doesn't intend to give up a last proud symbol of Russian supremacy — economic crisis or not.

The Mir's summer-long travails, ironically, seem to have brightened Russia's future in space by provoking the government to make new financial and moral commitments.

"Clearly they've stretched themselves to the limit at this point," said Marcia Smith, space policy specialist for the Congressional Research Service in Washington.

President Boris Yeltsin erased any notion of the program fading away with the Mir, just hours before cosmonauts performed vital repairs Friday to help restore power to the damaged station.

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A mother braves the waterlogged streets of Calcutta yesterday to take her child to school. The city has been inundated by the rising Hooghly river. (AP)

US probing possible deal between DNC, Teamsters

By BRIAN DUFFY and JEFF GLASSER

WASHINGTON (The Washington Post) – The Justice Department is investigating whether officials of the Democratic National Committee improperly directed contributions to the re-election campaign of Teamsters President Ron Carey, in return for union contributions to President Clinton's election campaign, government officials and other sources said.

The Teamsters were among the biggest givers to the Democratic Party last year, and Carey was in an extremely tight race against James Hoffa Jr. for the Teamsters presidency and in need of funds.

Documents obtained by The Washington Post show that DNC officials discussed raising substantial sums for Carey, whose re-election was overturned by a federal official Friday, setting the stage for a new faceoff with Hoffa.

Despite Friday's decision, a federal grand jury in New York will continue examining fund-raising activities by Carey's re-election campaign last year, government officials said.

It had previously been disclosed that Justice Department investigators were examining links between the Teamsters and the DNC.

The Manhattan grand jury earlier this month indicted two union consultants who orked for the DNC — telemarketer Michael Ansara and direct mail consultant Martin Davis — charging that they diverted union funds to Carey's re-election effort.

But the newly available documents suggesting that DNC officials directed contributions to Carey's re-election effort has prompted government investigators to examine the ties between the union and the DNC more closely, officials said this week.

"What's being looked at, quite simply, is whether there was a quid pro quo," one official said.

Individuals familiar with the inquiry said Ansara is cooperating with federal prosecutors and FBI agents in the investigation of whether other Democratic Party activists may have donated money to Carey's re-election effort.

Federal prosecutors have also questioned DNC Finance Director Richard Sullivan about notes he took indicating that Democratic contributors were directed to make contributions to the Carey campaign in exchange for contributions the Teamsters made to the Clinton campaign. Sullivan met with the prosecutors voluntarily in early August, according to sources, and answered questions for about two hours.

Among the many undated notations Sullivan made on a stack of legal pads was: "50,000 Carey ... Must be for Ron Carey. $100,000 Gail Zappa." The first part of the note appears to refer to a $50,000 contribution to Carey from an unnamed source. The reference to Gail Zappa is to a big Democratic contributor, the widow of musician Frank Zappa. She did not return a phone call seeking comment.



Ron Carey (AP) James Hoffa Jr. (AP)

Another Sullivan notation states: "Lunch with Carey — 200 people - $50,000 Mayflower 13th — American citizen — can't employ anybody - checks Teamsters for a Corruption Free Union — individual."

The references appear to refer to a proposed fund-raising lunch at Washington's Mayflower Hotel and to union rules that prohibit unions and corporations from contributing to individual union election campaigns. The last reference is to the main fund Carey used to win his narrow election victory over Hoffa. John Bell, who served as a spokesman for the Carey campaign, could not say Friday whether the fund-raising lunch occurred.

A third reference from Sullivan's notes states: "1 million Teamsters" and refers to Doug Sosnik, then-White House political director. The $1 million evidently refers to the amount William W.

Hamilton Jr., the director of the Teamsters DRIVE political fund, pledged to contribute to Democratic state parties during last year's elections.

Sullivan said through an attorney, Robert Bauer, that "to the best of his knowledge," no action was taken as a result of the fund-raising discussions and that he knew of no one from the DNC who directed campaign contributions to the Carey campaign last year.

One indication of the close relationship between the Carey campaign and the DNC is reflected in computer notes taken by Carey's former scheduler, Colleen Dougher, who worked as a DNC fund-raiser in the late 1980s.

Working for Hamilton in the Teamsters DRIVE operation, Dougher noted last month: "I raised money for Carey $150,000." Dougher's attorney, Jeffrey Poston, said Friday that her work on behalf of the Carey campaign was proper and did not involve the DNC.

"To the extent that Ms. Dougher was involved in fund-raising for the Ron Carey campaign, it was done on her own personal time, not on the Teamster's time," Poston said. "It was cleared through the Teamsters general counsel's office, and it did not involve any DNC personnel or donors. It's 100 percent legal and proper." Hamilton, who last month resigned from the union and said he would no longer cooperate with investigators, did not return a phone call seeking comment.

Carey's campaign manager, Jerry Nash, also has close ties to the Clintons. In the fall of 1996, Nash spent afternoons working for the Clinton-Gore campaign. His mornings were devoted to Carey's re-election. "According to Mr. Carey, Mr. Nash never said that he was working for other clients during this time period," according to a report released Friday by the Teamsters federal election overseer, Barbara Zack Quindel.

Under federal law, it is illegal for an organization outside a union to pay, lend or give money to any officer or employee of a labor organization "with intent to influence him in respect to any of his actions or duties as a representative of employees."

A Washington Post analysis of internal Teamsters records shows that the Teamsters DRIVE and Education and Legislative funds donated at least $267,000 to Democratic state parties during October and the early days of November 1996. According to Federal Election Commission records, the Teamsters donated $2.9 million to individual Democratic campaigns for the 1996 elections. Until Carey was elected president of the union in 1991, the Teamsters traditionally contributed to Republicans in presidential elections.

According to several officials and others familiar with the inquiry, a central figure in the relationship between the DNC and the Carey campaign is Davis, the direct mail consultant who has worked for the union and the DNC. Davis is a business partner with Hal Malchow, whose companies received at least $19 million in DNC business last year. Malchow has not been accused of any impropriety.

Several individuals said that Davis lobbied Sullivan and other DNC officials hard last year to direct contributions to Carey's re-election campaign. "Martin tried to do the quid pro quo," said a person who discussed directing DNC-linked contributions to Carey.

JFK

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Among those invited were Michael Collins Piper of Washington, author of "Final Judgment: The Missing Link in the JFK Assassination Conspiracy."

Piper posits that the Mossad plotted the assassination. The reason, he asserts in his book, is that then Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Kennedy were involved in a heated dispute over Kennedy's refusal to support Israel's drive to build a nuclear weapon.

The ADL's Greenspan, speaking at the board meeting, described Piper as a regular contributor to "Spotlight," a notorious antisemitic weekly, and a Holocaust denier.

Other slated panelists were:

- Sherman Skolnick, a self-described Orthodox Jew from Chicago, who has been propounding a link between "rogue Mossad agents," the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin and the apparent suicide of White House counselor Vincent Foster.

Skolnick, also an occasional "Spotlight" contributor, denied later that he had agreed to speak at the seminar.

- Talk show host Dave Emory, who contends that top Nazis, who fled Germany after its defeat, played a leading role in Kennedy's assassination. Emory and Piper frequently tangle at JFK conspiracy seminars around the country.

- John Judge. He, like New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison (hero of the Oliver Stone film "JFK"), maintains that the Kennedy assassination was the work of a cabal of homosexuals and the military-industrial complex.

Serious researchers of the Kennedy era reacted with incredulity and amusement to the choice of panelists.

"You couldn't find...more embarrassing conspiracists in America. Even among conspiracy theorists, these people represent the outer limit," one Kennedy analyst, Chip Berlet said.

Faculty members of Saddleback Community College, a two-year public institution in Mission Viejo, protested the seminar which was planned for their campus.

A public outcry followed a front-page report in the Los Angeles Times about the seminar. Within hours college offices were deluged with a tirade of some 200 angry phone calls. The ADL also logged a number of protest calls.

Frogue announced that he was canceling the seminar, but said he would try to hold it at another time under a different venue.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which frequently intervenes in perceived free speech violations, did not receive any calls regarding the seminar and does not plan any action, a spokeswoman said.

Jewish groups were more concerned than satisfied in the wake of the seminar's cancelation.

The ADL's Greenspan, said that while she appreciated the general community's reaction, she was bothered that the college board "still doesn't see this racist seminar as their problem." She also warned that if the seminar were held under private auspices, it would lack public scrutiny and "bring the crazies out of the woodwork."

Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center and an expert on hate propaganda in cyberspace, said that "the Mossad conspiracy theory may be laughable to us, but I can guarantee that in a short time it will become part of the folklore of hundreds of websites on the Internet.

"The seminar cancellation is only a temporary setback," Cooper continued. "They got what they wanted by getting into the mainstream press. They don't need to prove that Israelis had a hand in assassinating JFK, they just have to plant the seed of suspicion that it might have been that way."

In assessing the role of the college district in authorizing the seminar, Cooper said: "The situation somewhat parallels the growing practice of the mainstream press to descend to tabloid journalism. What we're getting here is a form of tabloid academia."

In Turkmenistan, luxury hotels sit empty

By GREG MYRE

ASHGABAT, Turkmenistan (AP) – Soon after independence came to this remote, impoverished land in 1991, President Saparmurt Niyazov had a vision: We will build hotels, and the world will come to us.

Twenty-five luxury hotels now stand in one long row, silent citadels on the capital's southern flank, overlooking camels that graze amid the scorched sands of the Karakum Desert. They have boomtown names such as Black Gold and Railway Worker. They boast sparkling swimming pools, Turkish saunas, and luxury suites that have housed the likes of Britain's Prince Charles.

There have everything, it would seem, but guests.

Anticipating an oil and gas bonanza that would attract legions of foreign businessmen, the hotels initially priced their rooms at $250 a night and up. Now they go begging for as little as $50, a fact that would surprise no one who has walked the sleepy, sun-baked streets of the capital.

These rarely visited hotels symbolize the unfulfilled dream of Niyazov, who thought he could turn his desert nation into a second Kuwait overnight.

During a three-day visit to the five-star Gara Altin, no more than four of its 18 rooms were ever occupied, and most of the competition was doing worse. Meals in the hotel's well-appointed restaurant — as big as a basketball court — were almost always a private experience. Service was excellent — once you poked your head inside the kitchen door to alert the staff that a diner was present.

Why did Turkmenistan, one of the most isolated outposts in the former Soviet Union, go on a hotel-building binge? Niyazov had expected the oil and gas revenues to flow freely.

Shortly after independence, he decreed that each government ministry should have its own hotel to house visitors. A new airport was built — easily the most modern in the former Soviet Union — at a cost of $80 million. The government paid for the hotels — with total costs estimated at more than $200 million, according to published reports.

But the flood of travelers never materialized and it quickly became clear that the government had been overly optimistic. The hotels now are managed by private contractors, though the government retains ownership. The hotels are small — just 10 to 20 rooms each — but boast a full-range of amenities.

"We have everything," said Novruz Amandurdeyev, manager of the Demyr Yolcy, which has 12 rooms, and on this day, only two guests. "You are welcome any time," he said. "We will always keep a room for you."

Former Zambian president shot

LUSAKA, Zambia (AP) – Former President Kenneth Kaunda was shot yesterday during a police crackdown on opposition supporters preparing to attend a rally he was to address, officials said.

Kaunda, head of the opposition United National Independence Party, was not seriously injured, officials at Kabwe General Hospital told The Associated Press.

However, Rodger Chongwe, leader of the Liberal Progressive Front, an ally of Kaunda's party, underwent surgery after being shot in the neck.

The circumstances of the shootings in Kabwe, 140 km. north of the capital Lusaka, were unclear.

Witnesses claimed police fired tear-gas at the headquarters of Kaunda's party as he arrived with another party official and Chongwe. They said the men fled in a vehicle and police riddled it with bullets.

Kaunda, who ruled Zambia from 1964 until 1991, has called for a nationwide civil disobedience campaign to force reversal of constitutional amendments blocking his comeback attempt.

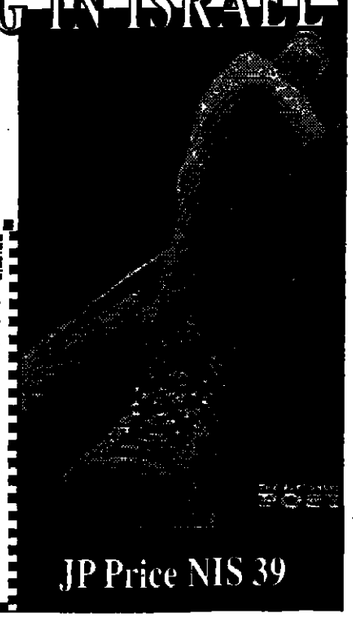
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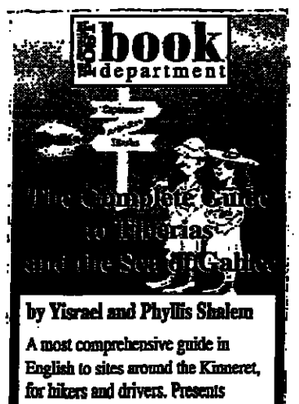


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The frail humanity of Mir

The novelist William Gibson said in a recent interview that the best science fiction of the 1990s is on CNN news. Gibson and Bruce Sterling wrote a story in the 1980s called *Red Star, Winter Orbit*, set in a dilapidated Soviet space station slowly falling apart. As usual, the science-fiction writers, the real prophets of our age, were ahead of the launch of Mir, as well as of its current decay. Yet Gibson admitted it would have been hard for him "to beat that garbage-module slamming into Mir! ... Looking back, I can see that we didn't go nearly far enough [in the Red Star story.]"

The Mir space station's crew has been battling for months against a relentless procession of near disasters – the collision with the cargo ship, a fire, computer crashes, failed oxygen generators, a leaking space suit. The crash ruptured the Spektr, the newest (and mostly American-built) station module. This weekend the Russian cosmonauts and British-American astronaut on board began the dangerous and strenuous repairs needed to bring the wrecked orbiter back to usefulness.

Even as the space-walkers were climbing into their suits, Russian President Boris Yeltsin went on state radio for his weekly address to scold his fellow Russians for their lack of interest in the space drama being enacted over their heads. He could have been chiding the whole civilized world, which is perceived as lacking in enthusiasm for the pioneering efforts of our first humans stepping into what undoubtedly is destined to be the far future of our race.

However, it could be argued that it is the inevitable fate of pioneers (like prophets) to be disregarded in their own time as well as in their own lands. Yeltsin, in what was a remarkably fine and thoughtful address, may be right in saying we have become indifferent and weary of the fanfare, ceremony and applause and have decided earthly problems are closer to us. Yet one could also say Yeltsin's chiding would be the equivalent of Queen Isabella scolding the Spanish for failing to get excited about the voyage of Christopher Columbus. The ultimate direction and value of pioneering ventures can only be appreciated with hindsight.

The mass of people are human in every sense of the word – self absorbed with the mundane problems of life and disinclined to raise their eyes to distant horizons. But whatever the current mood of the Russian public addressed by Yeltsin, the case is not proven that people in general are bored by space travel. Millions of visits to Mars Internet sites were recorded within days of the Mars Explorer mission that landed on July 4, and they are still crowded with hundreds of thousands of people obviously hungry for detailed information. It may be the conventional media that is to blame for much of the apparent disinterest – the banal world of television infotainment has become so infuriatingly superficial that even major news stories are seriously lacking in serious content. CNN deserved great credit for its fine Mars coverage – but it was virtually alone. The effort of the supposedly great BBC was trite and condescending.

Whatever the reality of public interest levels, in one important thing Yeltsin is absolutely right: Since public support must be translated into political and commercial power, it is vital that there is enough of such support to keep the Russian space program going. Indeed it is not a propaganda show. It is, as Yeltsin said, one of his country's great responsibilities, since the status of the aerospace sector still in large measure defines the international status of Russia. In the broader picture, that status of Russia is important for the rest of the world. We should be grateful that the end of the Cold War has at last brought closer the impossible dream that as mankind ventures into space it does so through international cooperation, not as representatives of squabbling planetary tribes exporting their petty divisions to future colonies.

Budget cuts and economic problems may have forced the Russian space program to scrape along. Most of the equipment on Mir is already run into the ground – its main computer is the equivalent of a 12-year-old desktop most home-computer users would have thrown out by now. The space program tries to raise cash by selling trips to foreign astronauts and running TV commercials aboard Mir. (The Tnuva dairy deserves a pat on the back for its enterprise and imagination in being one of the first to take advantage of Mir's commercial side with its *Milk in Space* commercial, aired here on Friday.)

Mir may have become the butt of jokes by stand-up comics but it is its faults and failings that have humanized the somewhat sterile image of space exploration. Space is not yet the triumph of the machines, it is the triumph of man's dogged determination to beat evolution at its own game of progress. Not since the Apollo 13 astronauts ferried home a wrecked moonship 20 years ago have we had such as clear message that space is being won by human courage, ingenuity, and good luck, and that it will not be lost by mere human frailty, error and misfortune.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANKS

Sir, – As we end our initial period of mourning, we express our regret that inaccuracies that appeared in media accounts of our son's burial cast aspersions on a number of good people.

We wish to make it clear that at all stages of our ordeal, the representatives of the Greek Orthodox Church and the representatives of the Rabbinate related to us with sensitivity and respect.

We thank the Jerusalem representatives of Bahai International for donating the plot and the Kehilat Yerushalayim Burial Society for preparing the grave, so that the site and burial ceremony could be as we requested. We also thank those journalists who honored our request for privacy at the burial.

IVGENY PESACHOVITCH AND OLGA POLLACK
(Parents of Grisha Pesachovitch)

Jerusalem.

MUTUAL RESPECT

Sir, – I want to congratulate Moshe Kohn on his excellent column, which I read regularly, and in particular the one of July 11 in which he identifies Israel's greatest obstacle to future growth and success.

Israel will not achieve greatness economically, politically nor culturally unless Israelis learn to get along and respect each other. In a true democracy, which Israel claims to be, all citizens must be equally respected and accepted whether they are secular, haredi, Orthodox, Ashkenazi, Sephardi, Arab, Christian or whatever. The vile language and extreme attitudes people use to express a disagreement or dislike of someone can only serve to weaken the country and delay its success as member of the world community.

ABE M. GINDI

San Jose, California.

MINORITY POSITION

Sir, – Pity to the vast majority of world Jewry, if the likes of Jonathan Rosenblum ("Let everyone be happy," July 18) get their way! His minority position makes it so very clear that he is convinced beyond any, and all, reasoning that his haredi ideas are fixed in stone, irrevocable, immovable and given by the hand of God. He paints such an ugly picture of all non-Orthodox parties as to make clear his hate and derision of any besides his own, particularly of the Reform movement. His single-minded attempt to destroy that movement's value in Jewish life totally disqualifies him and his cohorts as an arbiter of anything Jewish, notwithstanding all of his references to the Torah and Midrash, and his efforts to dictate Jewish thinking. It must so comforting to think one has the answers to everything.

DR. H. ZIGERMAN

Willow Grove, Pennsylvania.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On August 24, 1937, *The Palestine Post* reported that the Permanent Commission of the League of Nations in Geneva had published a summary of its report on Palestine. The Commission wrote that the disturbances of 1936 revealed a great political tension and therefore it was worth examining all the advantages and drawbacks of Lord Peel's Royal Commission on Palestine suggestions for Partition, a new territorial solution.

The Commission considered cantonization under which two new states would be formed, each to have a large measure of internal economy and full powers to regulate immigration, while a central controlling government would deal with such measures as defence, foreign affairs and customs.

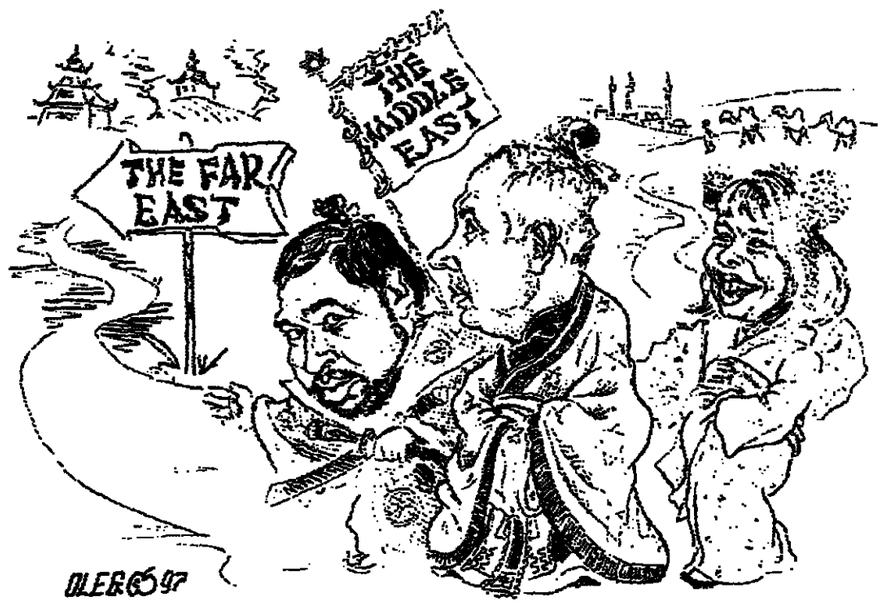
The founding stone was laid of the first house in Tel Aviv's new workers' quarters, to be constructed along the Yarkon River.

50 years ago: On August 24, 1947, *The Palestine Post* reported that Britain had asked France to receive the 4,400 *Exodus 1947* refugees who would be sent there by train via the British Zone of Germany. The three British floating cages sailed from Port de Bouc for Hamburg, after the "illegal" immigrants to Palestine had refused to land voluntarily in France. The Zionist flags fluttered from the barbed-wired cages.

An eucalyptus grove was cut down near Netanya after a mine exploded under a military vehicle there. Shops were damaged in Princess Mary Avenue and Jaffa Road in Jerusalem after police opened indiscriminate fire from their positions atop the Generali Building.

25 years ago: On August 24, 1972, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that the Knesset had unanimously adopted a resolution denouncing the new Soviet tax imposed on Jewish professionals requesting emigration. In Moscow Jewish biologist Ilya Glazer, labeled a "moral degenerate" by Soviet media, began a three-year sentence in the Gulag for writing letters which "slandered the Soviet Union."

Alexander Zvielli



Probing Swiss wartime history

ALFRED DEFAGO

I was not born yet when Adolf Hitler unleashed World War II. Like many Swiss of my generation, I grew up believing that neutral Switzerland – completely surrounded by the Nazis and their satellites – had heroically survived the war under extremely difficult circumstances.

This image, of course, has begun to falter. In Switzerland itself, a probing discussion began almost 20 years ago over whether our small, neutral state had behaved in an exemplary manner before, during and after the war. Over the last year, this quiet discussion has been transformed into a heated international debate. Fierce and pointed criticism has been directed toward Switzerland's wartime record. As the representative of the Swiss government and its people in the United States, I believe it is important not to shrink from the growing controversy over Switzerland's role during World War II.

The time has come for an open, searching debate. But it is also critical that this discussion be fair, reasoned and based on all the facts.

I would like to be clear about one point: Switzerland – as did others, including the United States – turned back thousands of Jews at its border on the grounds that "the boat was full." Moreover, a senior Swiss official encouraged Germany to use the infamous "J" stamp on the German passports of Jewish citizens. We have to acknowledge these sad facts.

Kaspar Villiger, president of the Swiss Confederation in 1995, publicly apologized for Switzerland's serious negligence in refugee policy during the war. In addition, the Swiss National Bank's gold policy during these years was anything but a study in glory. At that time, the senior managers of the bank clearly did not know that the gold they purchased from the German Reichsbank also contained smelted "victims' gold," but in the last years of the war, they surely must have known that the Germans increasingly delivered gold that came from the looted stocks of central banks in occupied countries.

The Swiss of today cannot be proud of these failings. But dwelling on these events alone presents a one-sided picture of the Swiss record.

History also records many positive actions by my country. The Switzerland of those years – despite the compromises with Nazi Germany and its satellites – was a country that defended its free and democratic system under the most difficult circumstances. Here was a small country in the heart of Europe that protected free speech and insisted on the right to hold free and open elections. And in these elections, the Nazis and their few Swiss sympathizers never stood a ghost of a chance.

Switzerland – like many other nations – made mistakes during the wartime period, including turning back thousands of Jews

Although Switzerland refused entry to approximately 30,000 Jews (and thus probably subjected many to brutal persecution) it should not be forgotten that Switzerland admitted more than 230,000 refugees from Nazism during the war, including 27,000 Jews. Those Jewish refugees, together with the 20,000 indigenous Swiss Jews, escaped the Holocaust. This was the only Central European Jewish community to survive the war.

It has now become fashionable to argue that Switzerland's wartime neutrality was opportunistic and even morally reprehensible. But the Swiss policy of neutrality did not emerge in the face of the Nazi threat. It was centuries old. In the final analysis, however, it is not primarily a question of what Switzerland and other countries did or did not do in the 1940s that matters, but how these nations come to terms with their past.

It took a while for Switzerland to realize the magnitude of the problem, which had been concealed by the stakes of the Cold War. Once it became clear that the darker side of our past had to be revisited, unprecedented steps were initiated and acted upon as fast as Swiss institutions and customs permitted.The US official most heavily engaged in this issue, Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat, has stated that "among the neutral countries, Switzerland has taken the lead" in coming to grips with its past.

The Swiss government is sparing no effort to ensure that any assets in Swiss banks belonging to victims of the Holocaust be returned to survivors, their heirs or to organizations representing the survivors of the Nazi atrocities.

The Swiss government has established a $100 million humanitarian fund, drawing on contributions from the Swiss banks and private industry. The fund will be bolstered by another $70 million from the Swiss National Bank later this year, if the Swiss Parliament approves.

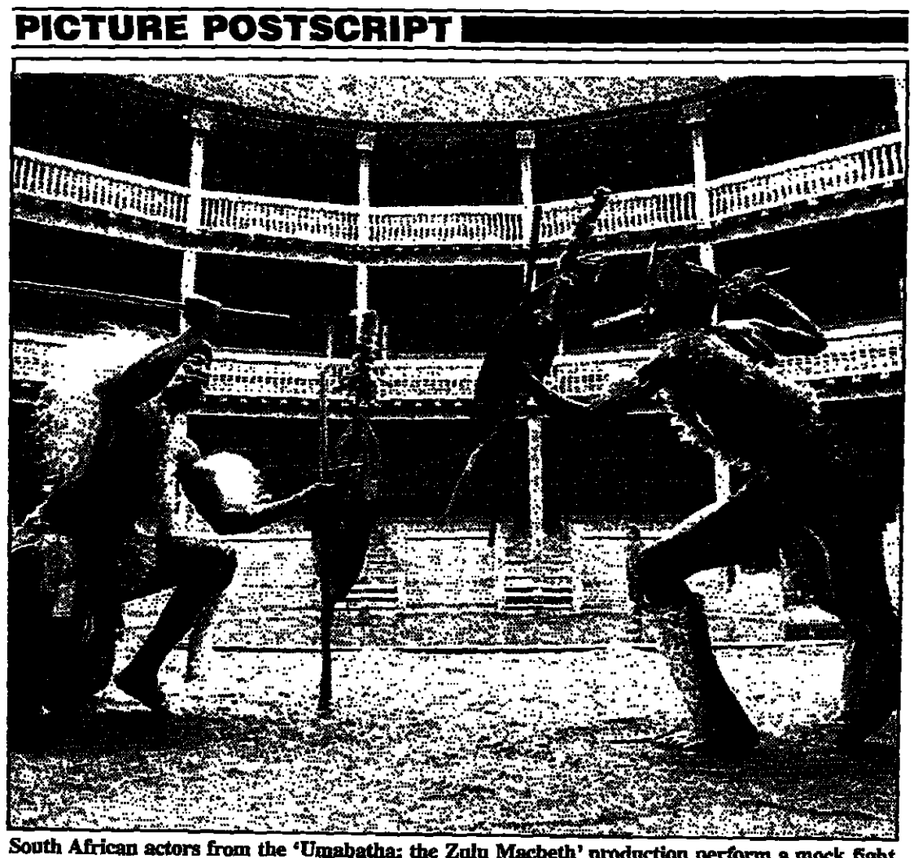
My government has proposed the daring idea of a "Swiss Foundation for Solidarity." This foundation would dedicate its annual income – the equivalent of several hundreds of millions of dollars – to assist victims of poverty, injustice, genocide and human rights violations. These plagues tragically belong to our era as much as to the past.

This innovative and far-reaching proposal will go before the Swiss people in a referendum at a later date. It should be clear then, that the people of Switzerland are committed to the profoundly important task of coming to terms with their past, even though there may be some debate on how best to draw conclusions and make amends. We know that others are interested in our progress, particularly the Jewish community in many countries.

The Swiss are a deliberate and prudent people. But once we have made up our minds to do something, you can rely on us. In the task now before us, I have not the slightest doubt that Switzerland will respond in a thorough and serious manner.

The writer has been Switzerland's ambassador to the United States since April. © The Washington Post

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



South African actors from the 'Umabatha: the Zulu Macbeth' production perform a mock fight at the Shakespeare's Globe Theatre July 31. The play performed entirely in Zulu will be in London for one week.

(Reuters)

Spiritual soul

DAVID NEWMAN

The struggle for recognition by the Reform and Conservative movements in Israel seems to be gaining momentum. The past two weeks have seen heightened emotions surrounding the High Court ruling in favor of a member of the local reform community taking her place on the Netanya Religious Council, followed by the violent scenes at the Western wall on the Eve of Tisha Be'av, when members of the Conservative movement attempted to hold a mixed prayer session.

But despite these attempts to highlight their fight for recognition, there does not appear to be widespread public support for their cause. Government ministers may be opposed to amending the conversion law, probably because of the pressure being exerted by the North American Jewish community, but that does not mean they are prepared to grant freedom of worship or status within Israel's sensitive world of religious politics.

Whether one agrees with their religious ideology or not, it is easy to understand why the Orthodox community totally oppose any form of recognition for movements which, in its eyes, are an antithesis to an unchanging and "authentic" form of traditional observance, the one and only religious truth.

But what is much more surprising is the lack of widespread support afforded the Reform and Conservative movements from secular Israel. Excepting a few token declarations by political leaders – usually for the purpose of political rather than spiritual gain – the majority of Israel's non-religious population has shown little sympathy for the struggle for religious pluralism.

Is it perhaps that secular Israel fears these movements as much as the Orthodox world fears them? The legitimization of alternative forms of religious identification, something which imparts a politics of meaning for the tens of thousands who are turned off by, or who have no interest in, Orthodox Judaism, would pose an intellectual struggle for many.

Perhaps secular Israel fears the Reform and Conservative movements as much as the Orthodox world fears them

While the current evel of polarization often means that the secular would never even consider becoming part of the Orthodox (the penitent movement is numerically marginal and is matched by a less-publicized, but equal, flow in the opposite direction), an alternative – middle of the road – form of religion may require the making of a commitment which most prefer to avoid.

It would be nice to assume that the political support afforded by Meretz for the struggle of the Conservative and Reform movements was altruistic, that they too sought some form of identification over and beyond the demand for pluralism and equality within a secular democracy.

But the fact that a political party which is perceived as being anti-religious is their main institutional supporter does not do much to help the cause of movements for whom religion, however interpreted or practiced, is central to their belief systems.

Another factor contributing to the relative lack of public support is the fact that the Reform and Conservative milieux belongs exclusively to the North American and Ashkenazi cultural environment. The half of the country's Jewish population which is not Ashkenazi has displayed little interest in these alternative forms of religious practice. The middle ground has not been vacated to the same extent that has occurred amongst the Ashkenazi population and, as such, does not appear to have a void waiting to be filled.

THE Reform and Conservative movements have also failed to understand one of the most basic rules underlying their struggle. In contrast to the Orthodox world, their members have largely failed to answer the call to be part of an Israel in which political power is a function of the number of people who support your cause. For as long as this continues to be the case, the Reform and Conservative movements are unlikely to make anything but a minimal impact on the struggle for Israel's spiritual soul.

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EARTHLY CONCERNS



Many mainland Ecuadorians have migrated to the Galapagos Islands in search of tourism income. But the increased population is threatening the wildlife that draws tourists. (Eliza Orbach)



It was the old Spanish word for tortoise – galapago – that gave the islands their name. This giant tortoise weighed in at 100 kg! (Eliza Orbach)

The Galapagos: survival of the species

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

Legislation aimed at the protection of the Galapagos Islands, now up for consideration, has a rather slim chance of being passed. While some conservationists are hopeful that, if enacted, these laws may save what remains of the Galapagos, an even larger number feel that even if they should pass, it is simply a matter of too little, much too late.

Ask most people where the Galapagos Islands are, and they will probably not know. They may have heard of them, they even know that they are somehow important, but they aren't sure just why. They may also have no idea which country controls them. Yet these islands have an important place in history and in present-day efforts to preserve a number of species that are unique to these islands, and to maintain what is left of a very special biotope.

The Galapagos Islands lie off the coast of South America. It was here, a century and a half ago, that Charles Darwin, during his famed voyage, outlined his theory of evolution, the differentiation of species, and all that ensued.

Today, the unique wildlife of the Galapagos Islands is teetering on the edge of extinction, and environmental experts fear it may already be too late to save it. Some predict the extinction of a number of species within the next quarter of a century.

The Galapagos Islands are a province of Ecuador, and that is a critical part of the problem.

Since tourism, specifically eco-tourism, is the single factor that has boosted the income of the islands' residents to several times higher than that of average Ecuadorians, many people from the mainland have migrated to the islands. There is nothing to prevent this, since it is a legal internal migration. However, over the past 12 years, an average of three people a day have chosen to move to the islands. This has resulted in an increase in population of over 10,000, mostly young couples with growing families. This represents a total increase of 50,000.

The Galapagos are small islands and, for a time, the standard of living for the 5,000 to 7,000 people living there was high. This was largely due to the income generated by eco-tourism and regular employment in nature conservation. But the influx of an additional 50,000 people, with more arriving every day, is destroying the basic infrastructure that originally made these islands such an attractive place to live.

What's more, Ecuadorians do not generally have much regard for environmental laws. Most Ecuadorians consider them to be arbitrary rulings by a government that they traditionally feel wants to limit their personal freedom. As more Ecuadorians pour into the islands, more land is needed for housing, for shops and for infrastructure. There is now serious competition between the land needed for the precious wildlife and the land needed by those who have come to the islands to benefit from its allure.

But few settlers are willing to discuss the fact that they are, so to speak, "killing the goose that lays the golden eggs." They feel that they are entitled to a share in whatever the islands can offer, and considerations of what will happen when there is no longer anything to bring the tourists to the islands are not taken into account.

Although the Ecuadorian government has passed stringent fishing laws aimed at saving the disappearing sea cucumber – a marine animal considered a delicacy throughout Asia – no hunting, fishing or other environmental laws can stand up against the real problem – migration to the islands.

Yet this is the most difficult of all the problems they must solve. To prohibit further migration would be tantamount to, let's say, the United States declaring a ban on internal migration of American citizens from one state to another. And, in light of a history of repressive laws that once held sway in Ecuador, its citizens are extremely sensitive to any infringement of their rights.

It may turn out that, as so many conservationists already suspect, the Ecuadorian government has begun to deal with educational programs and island protection laws a few decades too late. If this is true, the Galapagos and all they represent will end up no more than an enigmatic footnote to a chapter of the earth's turbulent environmental history.

Water taxis out of their depth

By THOMAS J. LUECK

It was an idea whose time had come: with visitors flocking to Battery Park, Chelsea piers, and other Manhattan shoreline attractions, why not offer something offbeat — even a little romantic — like bright little water taxis, a touch of Venice on the Hudson? So it seemed in June when a prominent environmental advocate, Tom Fox, the former president of the Hudson River Park Conservancy, founded New York Water Taxi. His fledgling fleet of three boxy boats, painted yellow with checkerboard patterns reminiscent of Checker cabs, would putt-putt-putt from the Fulton Ferry landing in Brooklyn to the Intrepid Sea Air Space Museum. It would make eight other stops along the way, bringing people into intimate contact with New York City's marine environment, all for about $20.

News of the venture spread widely, with features appearing in The Times of London and on Japanese prime-time television. Within a very short time, more than 8,000 people, including an unexpectedly large group of commuters, had tried out the New York Water Taxi experience.

But now, its much-hyped opening season foreshortened by three months, Fox's boats are docked just north of Liberty State Park, in New Jersey. In the end, they were the little water taxis that couldn't.

"The currents are too strong, and these boats are just too slow," said Fox, who is trying to raise more than $1.5 million for new boats that would be sleeker, more powerful and therefore less quaint-looking. "Some people did find it romantic, sort of like riding The African Queen," he said. "But this is New York and most people can't be expected to just hang out, waiting at the dock."

So goes a cautionary tale of idealism run aground on business judgment, and of an apparently incontrovertible law of nature: Thou shalt not challenge the might of the New York Harbor with cute putt-putts intended for the Florida stretch of the Intercoastal Waterway.

"I thought, maybe, after all these years, I had found a way to do well by doing good," said Fox, who spent 25 years in the forefront of the battles against development schemes for the waterfront. His decision to become a maritime entrepreneur shocked some former allies.

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Business people who watched Fox's venture stumble through its inaugural two months say they are confident its problems can be for a restart next June. "A lot of good businesses have false starts," said August J. Ceradini, president of New York Cruise Lines, which provided Fox's taxis with dock space at its Hudson River Pier, at 42nd Street.

Fox already has promises of financial help for the bigger boats he hopes to bring into operation next June. Unlike this year's boats, which were leased, the new ones would be bought by his company.

"We think Tom has a very viable business, and we are big boosters," said Howard Summer, president of New York Community Investment Co., a venture capital firm representing 10 large banks.

Despite such encouragement, Fox said his first season has been frustrating, particularly because the $750,000 he had raised was dwindling a little too rapidly. "It just made sense to declare the first two months a success and start over," he said.

Fox said he had studied successful water taxi operations on Fire Island, in Baltimore, and in Seattle before negotiating a contract to lease the three boats, which had been designed for the placid waters of the Intercoastal Waterway by a Fort Lauderdale company. The water taxis would return to Florida during the winter, migrating like sperm whales, thus requiring lease payments for half the year.

And the boats suited Fox's business plan, since the builder said that they were capable of 25 knots, fast enough for the three to provide service every 20 minutes at each of the 10 stops on the circuit. But apparently no one anticipated the navigational hardships imposed by the New York Harbor, where much larger vessels strain against powerful currents and are battered in the wakes of tankers and cruise ships. It quickly became apparent that the water taxis from Florida would travel at scarcely 10 knots, creating long delays at the docks.

"It is obvious that we have captured people's imaginations," said Fox. "Now it is just a matter of getting the system to work the way it's supposed to." (AP)

Cuba offers a holiday to children fleeing volcano

Some 50 children from Montserrat who suffered from stress amid recent volcanic eruptions on the Caribbean island arrived in Cuba last week for a holiday to help them recover from the experience.

"I want to play basketball, relax and meet people," Christopher Fenton, a teen-ager who described the situation back home as a disaster told reporters at Havana airport.

The children, aged 10-16, were ferried in buses for their three-week stay at the beach camp of Tarara, east of the capital.

Montserrat, a British colony in the eastern Caribbean, has been hit in the last six weeks by eruptions from the Soufriere Hills volcano that has been active since 1995. The eruptions have forced repeated evacuations to the safe northern area of the island and the capital has been almost completely destroyed.

The children's trip is being organized by the Cuban Red Cross and other local authorities and funding has come from Red Cross groups in the Netherlands, Spain, France, Germnay, Italy, Canada and Britain.

Tarara, a children's holiday camp, has been used in recent years to provide care for some 11,000 children affected by the Ukrainian nuclear power plant disaster at Chernobyl in 1986. (Reuters)

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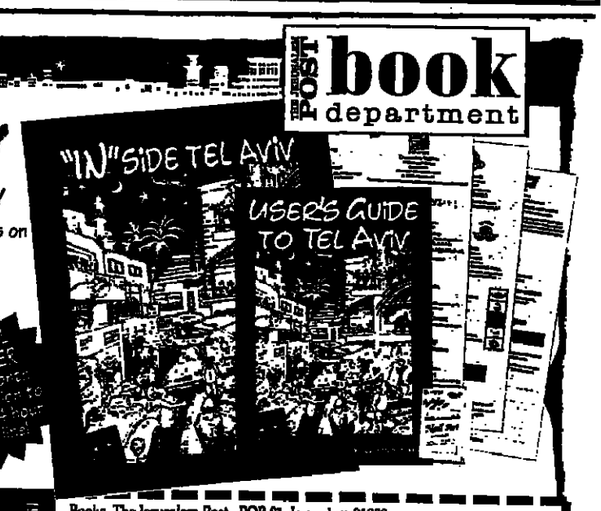
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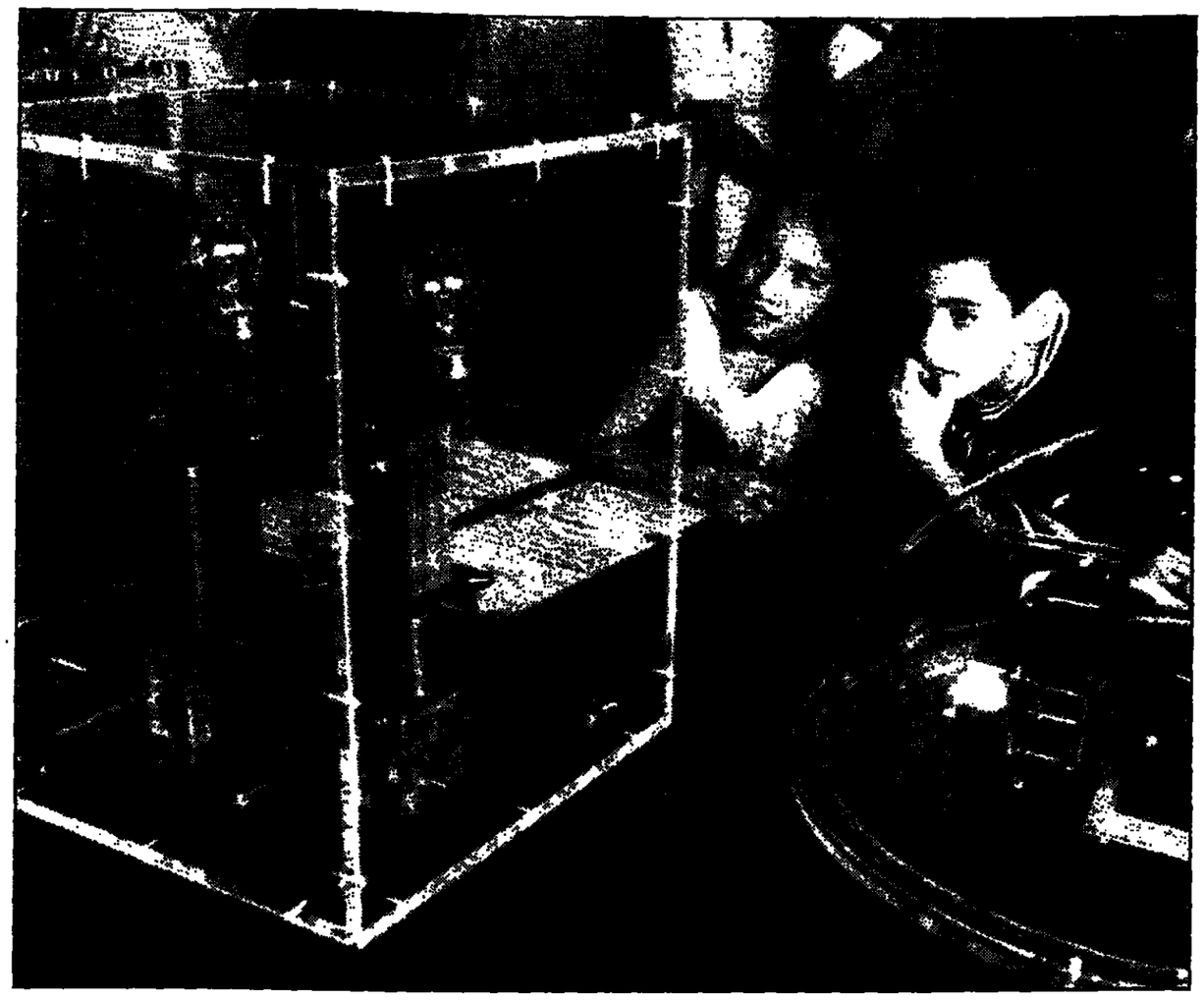
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The Bloomfield Science Museum's current exhibition offers a hands-on lesson in how electricity works. (Shimi Nachtaller)

Sparks of invention at electricity exhibition

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

More than a century has passed since Edison's incandescent bulb began to illuminate man's way. But electricity itself was never "invented." The passing of electrons that constitutes an electrical current exists all around us – in our brains and nerves, between the sky and the earth and among chemical elements.

The Hebrew word *hashmal* even appears in the Bible (Ezekiel 1:4) : "And I looked, and behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, a great cloud, with a fire flashing up so that a brightness was round about it: and out of the midst thereof as the color of electrum, out of the midst of the fire." But the prophet was undoubtedly speaking of a different phenomenon than that encountered by Benjamin Franklin while experimenting with his kite.

The mysteries of the invisible power of electricity are presented at the Bloomfield Science Museum's current exhibition, "In Light of Electricity." Taking up one floor of the Jerusalem museum, it is comprised of 40 exhibits, many of them unusual and built by museum staffers. As in all of Bloomfield's presentations, it's a hands-on exhibition that invites children and adults to push buttons, move objects and use all their senses to understand the principles of science.

The effort was coordinated by Dr. Amir Ben-Shalom, director of exhibitions at the museum and an electrical engineer, who was described at last month's opening as being "crazy about electricity." The Israel Electric Corporation – what could be more natural – was one of the sponsors of the exhibition, and help was also received from Tadiran and from the German company Siemens (which even sent a senior official to the event).

IT'S HARD to imagine our world without electricity, but major power failures give some inkling of what it would be like. The light bulbs, refrigerator, washing machine, computer, clocks, stereo, fax and many household good are powered with electricity. Most of the items in daily use are produced with the help of electricity. Although fueled by gasoline, cars won't go without the electrical systems in them. Even human bodies speak in the "language" of electricity: Electrons transmit messages from the sensory organs – skin, eyes, ears, mouth and nose – to specific parts of the brain and from the brain to the muscles.

The exhibition includes a large graphic diagram with the history of electricity, from 500 BCE, when Thales in ancient Greece rubbed amber on a piece of fur and created a spark. A feather was attracted to the amber as if it were a magnet.

Jumping to 1600 CE, one sees the Englishman William Gilbert, who wrote a book about magnets and claimed the Earth behaves like a giant magnet. More than 150 years later, inventor Benjamin Franklin of Philadelphia discovered that lightning is the release of electrical energy. In 1800, an Italian named Alessandro Volta invented the electric battery; in 1822, the Frenchman Andre Ampere discovered the principles of electric current.

Later in the 19th century, the first transformer was built, Samuel Morse launched the telegraph and Alexander Graham Bell unveiled his telephone. Then, in 1882, Thomas Edison set up 200 incandescent bulbs at the New York Exposition, signaling the end of gaslight.

THE NOW-waning 20th century, of course, has brought an explosion in the use of electricity, with the first electric typewriter in 1901, the first electric vacuum cleaner in 1908, the first neon sign in 1912, the first electric refrigerator in 1913, the first color TV in 1938, and the microwave oven and transistor in 1947.

Photographs and models of some of these inventions are on display, but most of the exhibits show scientific principles instead. There is an aquarium with fish, which emit electrical signals five to 10 times per second that can be picked up with an attached microphone. If the water is polluted, the rate of the signals changes: The IEC uses this as an early-warning system for pollution in certain bodies of water.

Another item explains the color spectrum of the incandescent bulb and the connection between color and temperature. The color spectrum released by such a bulb is continuous, and the spectrum seems to move in the direction of violet as the temperature rises.

Three identical incandescent bulbs are placed one on top of the other in front of a black backdrop. The top bulb is operated at maximum output and emits white light; the middle one is activated by a museum visitor pushing a dimmer and changing the output from minimal to maximal. The lower bulb functions at minimal output, so that the temperature is relatively low and the light it emits is mainly red. The positioning of the bulbs enables an immediate comparison of the relative strengths of the colors emitted by each bulb.

Another exhibit illustrates how the incandescent bulb really works (its filament, heated by electricity, emits light). In another exhibit, the efficiency of these is compared with that of fluorescent bulbs using the same amount of current.

The IEC has an interesting display that explains everything one would want to know about the national electric grid.

Put your hands on various palm-shaped pieces of metal and see how your body carries electricity from one to the other. Understand the principles behind electrical circuits by linking together various pieces of metal and wire. Turn a crank to twirl a magnet between blocks covered with copper wire to produce electricity and make a bulb light up.

The exhibition is a good example of welcome cooperation between industry and public educational institutions in explaining scientific principles to young people as well as their uninitiated elders.

DISK-COVERY

Story of survival

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Return to Life, a CD-ROM in English for all ages, by Yad Vashem, produced by Icons in Jerusalem and TES (Torah Educational Software) Jerusalem, which is the worldwide distributor (Internet site: http://www.jewish-software.com), $99 or the shekel equivalent, sold at Yad Vashem, Steimatzky branches, TES shops in Jerusalem and major software stores.

Rating: five stars out of five



An emotion-laden but factual disk tells the story of survivors in Israel and the Diaspora, using filmed testimony.

Who will tell the story when the last Holocaust survivor in the world dies? This CD-ROM – which in June was awarded the second prize for excellence in multimedia at the International Communications Congress in Biarritz, France – will keep relating the story when witnesses can no longer do so.

The first in a series of multimedia software being produced by the Yad Vashem Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem, this emotion-laden but factual disk tells the story of survivors in Israel and the Diaspora, using filmed testimony, music, text and photographs.

Worth every penny of the $250,000 it cost to make (much of it donated by Canadian businessman Leslie Dan), it is the culmination of year of work by Yad Vashem's unit for the development of educational programs, directed by Avraham Milgram and coordinated and produced by Guy Miron. A Hebrew version is not for sale to individuals, but instead is being offered at low cost to schools around the country.

The struggle for survival didn't end with Liberation Day in 1945, the narrator notes. The remnant of the Holocaust had to decide if they wanted to go on, how to reconstruct their lives, which land to go to – and how to cope with the urge for revenge and the realization that the victory over Hitler came too late for most of their family and friends. Once freed, the survivors stood at a crossroads: to the Land of Israel or the US (tens of thousands escaped to other countries, but the bulk ended up in these two).

Video clips of survivors recalling their experiences are presented along with still photos of their youth. Anyone who studies this multimedia program is likely to be moved to tears, but even more so to admire their determination and will to go on living.

There are 39 topics in five major subject areas: New Start, Affirmation of Life, Whither?, Revenge and Loss. Although listening to all the testimony and reading the material will take many hours, the user won't get lost, thanks to a navigation icon that checks the sections already visited.

Other useful tools are a database with a collection of maps (showing, among others, Jewish losses during the Holocaust, displaced persons camps and "illegal immigration" embarkation ports); a lexicon of terms; and a helpful timeline (showing major events from Hitler's rise to power to 1957, when the last death camp, Fuhrenwald, was shut down). There are also datacards dividing all the multimedia into sounds, movies, pictures and subjects, all immediately accessible. Not only can everything be printed out, but a high-powered word-processing system lets you select text and photographs for your own files and print out edited reports.

If subsequent CD-ROMs in this series are on the same high level as this masterful disk, there is hope that the survivors who gave their testimony and the enormity of the Nazis' crimes will not be forgotten.

TELL ME WHY

Now you see apricots; now you don't

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Why is it that the season in which apricots are available is so short, while that of all other varieties of summer fruit goes on for several months? David, Ma'aleh Adumim

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The apricot is not the only fruit here with a short season: cherries and loquats (*shesek* in Hebrew), for example, have short marketing seasons as well. The problem with apricots, which are harvested here from May to July, is that, of all the varieties available abroad, the only ones that have acclimated themselves to this country ripen over a short season. In addition, unfortunately, apricots don't store well: They deteriorate rapidly even in cold storage, unlike apples, pears or other types of fruits. On the other hand, We do, however, have many varieties of peaches, nectarines and other summer fruits that ripen over many months.

Apricots apparently originated in the mountains between China and Kazakhstan or Uzbekistan. Then they spead to the Carpathian Mountains, North Africa and the Middle East – including Eretz Yisrael during the Roman era some 2,000 years ago, and to Europe via Turkey.

Because of the problem of their acclimatization, we at Volcani Center began a project four years ago to improve the varieties through breeding and to try to extend the production season. In addition, the spread of apricot cultivation to the Golan Heights will extend the season by a month or so. The season could also begin earlier if our efforts to grow apricots in hothouses succeed. We have brought red, yellow, orange and even white apricots from the US, France and Spain, but this project – which I coordinate – could take a total of 15 years before improved, longer-season varieties are available on the market. We must be very careful when we bring in new varieties to test, as there are viral plant diseases in Europe and Egypt that attack apricots and are very harmful to the trees.

New brands of cola drinks have come on the market recently. I notice that each of them tastes very different from Coca-Cola. What are the main ingredients in cola, and what makes them taste so different? Shlomo, Eilat.

A spokesman for Coca-Cola Israel replies:

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HEALTH SCAN

Can 'pot' help patients?

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

American researchers have recommended marijuana be tested in controlled, scientific studies to see if smoking the weed can help patients with cancer, AIDS and other conditions. An eight-member committee of experts, headed by Dr. William Beaver of the Georgetown University School of Medicine, recently issued its recommendations to the US National Institutes of Health (NIH).

According to AP, the committee urged that scientific study of marijuana's medical value be separated "from the societal debate over the potential harmful effects of nonmedical marijuana use."

Meanwhile, our own Health Ministry is taking a cautious approach. It has asked a committee of experts to consider the use of marijuana solely for improving the quality of life of terminal patients. Associate director-general Dr. Boaz Lev said the ministry is not, at present, discussing the possibility of allowing widespread use by patients because the efficacy of the active ingredients in marijuana must be proven in comparison to existing medications.

The report to the NIH said clear evidence of efficacy is not yet available. Nevertheless, the experts said marijuana should be studied for its effect on improving appetite among patients with severe weight loss; easing nausea and vomiting in cancer patients; controlling some neurological disorders (such as reducing spasticity in multiple sclerosis patients or treating epilepsy); for pain relief; and to treat the eye disease glaucoma.

Administering marijuana with an inhalation device and in controlled dosage lacking the plant's dangerous components can avert possible side effects of smoking it: damage to the lungs and the immune system.

NIH director Dr. Harold Varmus said his agency "is open to receiving grant applications for studies of the medical efficacy of marijuana." Such applications, Varmus said, will undergo "our normal scientific review"; they will be funded if they meet accepted standards and are considered of more value than competing grant applications.

Chuck Thomas of the Marijuana Policy Project, a US group favoring more medical use of the weed, said the report should prompt legislation that would permit such use of the drug now, without waiting for research to satisfy "rigid" federal requirements.

"If we wait...thousands of patients will be arrested and sent to prison in the meantime," he said.



NIH researchers recommend that marijuana be studied for its medicinal value in alleviating pain and nausea in cancer patients. (UPI)

MEN'S SELF-CHECK

The Israel Cancer Association is urging teenage boys and young men up to the age of 40 to check themselves regularly for testicular cancer. This type of tumor is relatively rare, but its incidence is increasing. It can be diagnosed early, making its cure rate as high as 100 percent, and many men can detect the first signs themselves.

A Hebrew-language pamphlet is now being distributed by the ICA (call Telemeida, (03) 571-7888)

Two urologists, Prof. Aryeh Lindner of Assaf Harofeh Hospital and Dr. Avishai Sela at the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus, offer their advice in the booklet: Every man and boy from the age of 15 should become familiar with the size and consistency of his testicles. They should examine them once a month (in a way similar to women's examination of their breasts).

Hold the scrotum in the palm of the hand and palpate the testicles, each one separately and using delicate pressure. If a testicle is enlarged, or if a lump is detected, go to a urologist as soon as possible, the doctors advise.

Sampras, Hingis virtually uncontested in US Open

New Arthur Ashe Stadium promises vintage tennis

NEW YORK (AP) – The true inauguration of Arthur Ashe Stadium won't come when the first ball is struck tomorrow at the US Open or even when past champions solemnly pay homage to Ashe in the formal dedication that night.

Rather, it will be that moment in the tournament, perhaps on some sultry afternoon or balmy evening, when the full-throated roars of the largest crowd in tennis vibrate through the new steel and brick arena and shake two players standing on the sage green court.

One of those players may be Pete Sampras, the four-time champion who has a knack for dramatics at this tournament that belies his laid-back, off-court demeanor. Or perhaps one of them will be Martina Hingis, the 16-year-old with the sweet smile and killer strokes who, like Sampras, is going for her third Grand Slam title of the year.

Or, just as likely, the roars will be for some low-ranked underdog socking it to a high seed with brilliant and unexpected shots.

At that moment – and it happens every year at some point in the US Open – the 22,547-seat Arthur Ashe Stadium, with its rim rising against the Manhattan skyline across the river, will become as loud and wild and crazy as New York gets. Just as it was intended.

The US Open is the raucous, sometimes obnoxious cousin of Wimbledon and the French and Australian Opens. Jets rattle the seats, fans walk around whenever they want, no matter the score, and sandwiches cost more than an ounce or two of silver.

What the US Open has lacked in classiness since it moved from Forest Hills two decades ago, it has made up for in noise and chaos and a uniquely New York energy. Now, with the opening of Arthur Ashe Stadium as the centerpiece of a $254 million, privately funded renovation, the USTA is hoping to achieve some of the aesthetic appeal that has so long been missing.

The new place is bigger yet more intimate because of the slope of the seats, and the acoustics of all that steel will make the roars all the more deafening.

"I kind of miss the old stadium – that's where I made my mark in '90 – but the new stadium is going to be a pleasure to play in," Sampras said after testing the court.

Sampras likes the spacious new inlaid wooden lockers, the large players lounge, the easy access to the court. Fans will appreciate the wider walkways between outside courts, the more comfortable seats, the extra toilets, the new landscaping, and the lovely lane that links the tennis center with the majestic Unisphere and fountains of the 1964 World's Fair.

The architectural design of the new stadium – a jumble of retro '20s and postmodern '90s – will be an acquired taste for some.

Depending on one's point of view, it's either spectacular or spectacularly ugly. But compared to the creaky relic it is replacing, it's a major improvement. Louis Armstrong Stadium, which was twisted into a tennis venue from a World's Fair concert site, will be trimmed down next year and remain a feature court.

Of course, the fans will be paying more for all this change.

Prices for high-end tickets are up about 20 percent, with the top single-session seat now $613. Most other ticket prices are up 5 to 7%. Still, the USTA expects attendance to increase about 10% above last year's 506,012.

Whether any of the changes will have an effect on the quality of the tennis remains to be seen. There will be no Boris Becker, no Steffi Graf and, based on recent history, probably not much of Andre Agassi.

Becker had planned on making this his last major tournament, but pulled out because of the death of his longtime friend and manager.

Graf, who won last year, is still recovering from knee surgery.

Agassi hasn't played a major tournament since the US Open last year, when he lost to Michael Chang in straight sets in the semifinals.

Chang didn't give Sampras much competition in a straight-sets loss in the final, but as the No. 2 seed again remains a threat.

So, too, is the women's No. 2, Monica Seles, who has played tournaments for five straight weeks in an effort to regain her fitness and timing and salvage a disappointing year.

For all of that, the tournament still looks like it belongs to Sampras and Hingis, each of whom won the Australian Open and Wimbledon this year. A decade apart in age, they are ruling their respective worlds in tennis with different styles.

Sampras is the ultimate serve-and-volleyer, perhaps the best in history, but he has a colorless personality that needs someone like Agassi to play off.

"Andre and I had all the ingredients to have something maybe like a Borg-McEnroe with different personalities," Sampras said, acknowledging how much he and tennis miss that rivalry. "Really, Andre and I, what we had a couple of years ago was something pretty special."

Two years ago at the Open, Sampras beat Agassi at his own baseline game in an incredible 22-shot rally that secured the first set and, effectively, the match. Agassi hasn't been the same since.

"At that point, Andre had won 25 straight matches and he worked so hard to get to No. 1 in the world. To come up short at the US Open, the most important tournament we have in the States, I'm sure was very tough to get over.

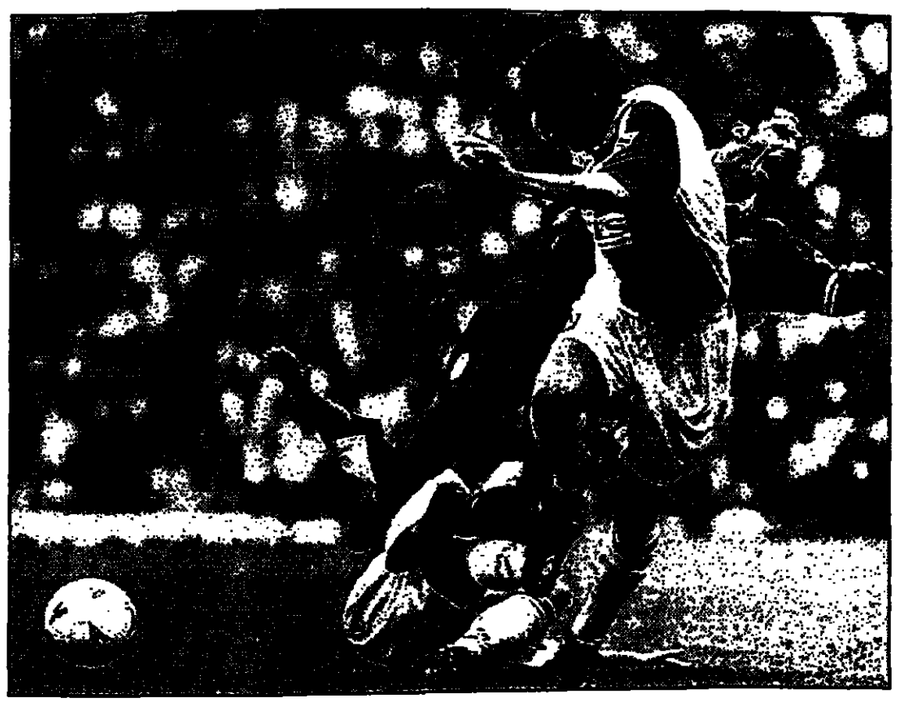
"He showed glimpses of his form there, but he hasn't been as consistent as I think he should be. So maybe he hasn't quite rebounded. It's something that I'm sure he's thought about... His confidence might not be where it was a couple of years ago, but a couple of matches under his belt, he'll be tough to beat."

Hingis, too, needs a rival, and the only one that seems up to the task at the moment is Seles, who won the Open in 1991 and 1992.

Seles is eminently capable of beating Hingis, but the Swiss teen has repeatedly dominated their matches so far this year.

A baseliner who can also attack at the net, Hingis has a vibrant personality that can make her a superstar in sports. If she were American, she'd already be one of the most popular athletes in the United States.

Hingis has lost only two matches so far this year – in the French Open final against Iva Majoli, and in a tournament against Lindsay Davenport a few weeks ago. If Hingis wins the US Open, she'll become the tournament's second-youngest champion after Tracy Austin, who was a few months younger when she won in 1979.



TRAPPED – Liverpool striker Karlheinz Riedle (center) is caught between Blackburn Rovers' Colin Hendry and Jeff Kenna (right). (Reuters)

Arsenal shine with double Dutch attack

LONDON (Reuters) – Ian Wright's big day turned into a double Dutch celebration for Arsenal in the Premier League yesterday while Blackburn stayed top thanks to Swedish newcomer Martin Dahlin.

Arsenal's Wright had travelled to Southampton with all eyes on him and his bid to grab the goal that would equal the all-time scoring record of 178 goals for the London club set by Cliff Bastin in the 1930s.

For once the Gunners' big gun, scorer of all their league goals so far this season, was silent as Dutch duo Marc Overmars and Dennis Bergkamp showed off in a 3-1 victory that sent them second in the league.

Blackburn are top on goal difference with seven points, ahead of Arsenal, champions Manchester United and Leicester – who drew 0-0 in a match awash with missed chances – all still unbeaten.

Liverpool, the preseason favourites for many, led Blackburn 1-0 through a 52nd minute Michael Owen solo goal until six minutes from the end when Dahlin struck just seven minutes after he came on.

"Their goal was somewhat fortunate in that it came from a bad error on our part," said Blackburn manager Roy Hodgson. "But I am delighted we stuck with the task.

"Martin Dahlin scoring his first goal for the club, his first of many we hope, was also very important ... He's had to sit on the bench a lot but he took his chance well when he came on and that's what we wanted to see."

The match, pitting Hodgson against his former Internazionale colleague and now Liverpool captain Paul Ince, left Liverpool in 15th place and still searching for a first league win.

Newcastle, reduced to 10-men after the break, beat Aston Villa 1-0 and are the only club left in the Premier League with a 100 percent record. They have played one match less than the top four teams, however.

Arsenal's Overmars scored his first goal in the Premier League since joining from Ajax over the summer with a superb solo effort in the 20th minute.

He cut into the left of the box, twisted past defenders and slipped the ball past Southampton 'keeper Paul Jones and into the net.

Neil Maddison leveled with a diving header in the 25th minute before Bergkamp took control.

The Dutchman picked up the ball in the center circle and forged ahead, causing panic among retreating Southampton players to score right-footed in the 57th.

Bergkamp then wrapped up the match in the 79th with a powerful shot from just inside the area.

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn	3	2	1	0	6	1	7
Arsenal	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
Man Utd.	3	2	1	0	3	0	7
Leicester	3	2	1	0	3	1	7
Crys Pal.	3	2	0	1	4	2	6
Newcastle	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
WestHam	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Bolton	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Leeds	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Coventry	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
Everton	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Barnsley	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Tottenham	3	1	0	2	2	4	3
Wimbledon	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Liverpool	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
Sunderland	3	0	2	1	3	6	1
Chelsea	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Derby	2	0	0	2	0	2	0
Southam.	3	0	0	3	1	5	0
AstonVilla	3	0	0	3	0	6	0

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nott. Forest	3	3	0	0	6	1	9
Sheff. Utd.	3	2	1	0	4	1	7
Swindon	3	2	1	0	4	1	7
Bradford	3	2	1	0	4	2	7
Birm.	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
W. Brom.	2	2	0	0	5	3	6
Portsmouth	3	1	1	1	6	5	4
Charlton	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Tranmere	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
QPR	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Wolver.	2	1	1	0	2	0	4
Stoke	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Oxford	3	1	0	2	4	4	3
Crewe	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
Port Vale	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
Sunderland	3	1	0	2	4	6	3
Middles.	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Bury	3	0	3	0	1	1	3
Man. City	3	0	2	1	4	6	2
Stockport	3	0	1	2	2	4	1
Ipswich	2	0	1	1	1	1	1
Hudders.	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Reading	3	0	1	2	1	5	1
Norwich	3	0	0	3	1	8	0

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Watford	3	3	0	0	6	1	9
Chesterfield	3	2	1	0	8	3	7
Bns. Rov.	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
Oldham	3	2	0	1	6	5	6
Bourne.	3	2	0	1	4	2	6
Fulham	3	1	2	0	2	1	5
Gillingham	3	1	2	0	2	1	5
Wigan	3	1	1	1	6	4	4
Wycombe	3	1	1	1	6	7	4
Bns. City	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Preston	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Wrexham	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
Southend	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Northam.	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
Luton	3	1	1	1	1	1	4
Millwall	3	1	0	2	6	5	3
Plymouth	3	0	3	0	4	4	3
York	3	1	0	2	4	6	3
Grimsby	3	0	3	0	3	3	3
Blackpool	3	1	0	2	3	6	3
Walsall	3	0	1	2	3	6	1
Carlisle	3	0	1	2	2	6	1
Brentford	3	0	1	2	1	6	1
Burnley	3	0	1	2	0	2	1

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Maccles.	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
Exeter	3	2	1	0	4	2	7
Peterbor.	3	2	0	1	7	1	6
Notts Coun.	3	2	0	1	6	3	6
Torquay	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Swansea	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Cardiff	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Scarborough	3	2	0	1	3	2	6
Lincoln	3	2	0	1	3	3	6
Scunthorpe	3	2	0	1	2	2	6
Barnet	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Colchester	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Hartlepool	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Chester	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Cambridge	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Rotherham	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
Mansfield	3	1	0	2	3	4	3
Rochdale	3	1	0	2	3	4	3
Shrewsbury	3	1	0	2	3	4	3
Ley. Orient	3	1	0	2	2	2	3
Brighton	3	0	1	2	2	4	1
Darlington	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
Doncaster	3	0	0	3	1	7	0
Hull	3	0	0	3	0	7	0

SCOTTISH PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hibernian	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
Rangers	2	2	0	0	8	2	6
Motherwell	3	2	0	1	5	2	6
Dunfermline	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
St. Johns.	3	1	1	1	2	6	4
Hearts	3	1	0	2	6	3	3
Celtic	3	1	0	2	4	6	3
Dundee Utd.	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
Kilmarnock	2	0	1	1	0	4	1
Aberdeen	3	0	1	2	2	7	1

Uttley likely to be next rugby boss

LONDON (AP) – Roger Uttley, who coached England to the 1991 Rugby Union World Cup final, is poised to become England's team manager following Jack Rowell's surprise resignation as coach.

Uttley, presently part of the coaching team with defending league champion Wasps, is expected to be named manager at the Rugby Football Union's board later this week. A full-time coach will also be named to replace Rowell.

Rowell, who doubled as manager during most of his 3 1/2 year reign, quit the coaching job last Wednesday, just 48 hours after British Lions coach Ian McGeechan rejected the Twickenham role.

Auckland coach Graham Henry has also turned down the RFU, which has just a week to find a new coach before it is due to unveil its 1999 World Cup coaching team.

Gloucester's Richard Hill, Bath's Clive Woodward and Rob Smith of Wasps are the leading candidates, although the RFU may also look abroad to New Zealand, South Africa or Australia.

Leicester's Bob Dwyer, who coached Australia to World Cup glory in 1991, is the dark horse, but he insists he is not part of the RFU's plans.

"They're not talking to me," said Dwyer. "Some time ago they talked to me about my thoughts for the future of the game here, but no one actually talked about the coaching job."

Rowell, whose role as coach was on a part-time basis, released a brief statement saying he'd resigned for business reasons.

During his time as coach Rowell led England to a 1995 World Cup semifinal appearance, a Five Nations Championship Grand Slam, three Triple Crowns, and a victory over the Springboks on South African soil 12 months before they were crowned world champions.

His replacement will have little time to settle in as England prepares for a punishing pre-Christmas Test schedule against Australia, New Zealand (twice) and South Africa from November 15 to December 6.

In 1998 England plays in the Five Nations Championship and has summer Tests in the United States, New Zealand (two) Australia and South Africa.



WATER WEAR – Australian Olympic gold medalist Susie O'Neill and fellow champion teammate Michael Klim wear the latest 'Speedmask,' an all-in-one cap and goggles to help swimmers go faster. (AP)

Speedo unveils friction-free 'Speedmask'

SYDNEY (AP) – Olympic swimming gold medalist Susie O'Neill thought it was all a bit of a giggle. Fellow Australian swimmer Michael Klim felt like an extra-terrestrial.

But in a world where hundredths of a second are crucial, both are prepared to take a serious look at an innovative racing mask from swim-wear manufacturer Speedo that was released Thursday.

The "Speedmask" is a swimming cap with built-in goggles. It covers the ears and stops even with the point of the nose. Its ribbed sides and sleek fit give the swimmers the appearance of something off the popular *X-Files* sci-fi television series.

The idea is to cut down the drag of water around the goggles.

Researchers say eye sockets create 20 per cent of the resistance while swimming and believe the mask will smooth out the turbulence between the cap and the goggle and improve the flow of water around the eye sockets by up to 53 per cent.

O'Neill, the Atlanta Olympic 200 meter butterfly champion, and Klim, an Olympic relay bronze medal winner, had not seen the mask prior to Thursday's unveiling.

"I actually had a bit of a giggle – it's not what I expected at all," O'Neill said. "But it feels really good. A lot better than what I would have imagined. It feels like I'm in my own private world."

O'Neill said the mask might give her an edge over opponents.

"Races go down to a hundredth of a second and I've lost races by that little, and so any little thing can help."

Klim usually swims without a cap, preferring a shaved head, but said he would try out the mask in training.

"I'm as intrigued by it as everyone else. It's a bit alien-like when you wear it," Klim said. "Basically I just have to get used to it, but it may be something that will revolutionize swimming."

OPINION

Realignment? Maybe Selig should realign his brain

By JENNIFER FREY

Bud Selig can argue that the whole baseball realignment scheme – the radical realignment scheme – makes sense on paper. The lines on the map are neatly drawn. Team travel is reduced. Television start times are more convenient. Scheduling nightmares are reduced. It's even better for newspaper deadlines.

I hate it. I hate it for practical reasons, emotional reasons and ridiculously sentimental reasons.

Most of all, I hate it because I used to live in New York.

There are a lot of good things about living in New York, and a lot of really rotten ones. Baseball, though, was one of the best.

Sports fans in New York are spoiled. They have three hockey teams (if you count the New Jersey Devils, a rather charitable gesture). Two NBA teams (even more charitably counting the Nets). NFL franchises in both conferences. And – best of all – the Yankees and the Mets.

There is something truly wonderful about knowing that you can watch both National League and American League baseball, live. There is something wonderful about knowing that every team from every city – and thus every player in the game, from Ken Griffey Jr. to Greg Maddux – will come through town twice a year. New Yorkers have that blessing.

So, too, do fans in Chicago, Southern California and the Bay Area.

It's baseball nirvana.

Go to the radical realignment plan and what do they get? The same teams over and over and over again. New Yorkers get 32 games against the Expos every season. Chicagoans get 32 with the Royals. Folks in San Francisco/Oakland and Los Angeles/Anaheim get an expansion team – the Diamondbacks – 32 times. Blech.

Selig will argue that those cities get instant cross-town (or cross-bridge, or cross-many-major-clogged-Southern California freeways) rivalries. Fair statement. Baltimore Orioles outfielder Jeffrey Hammonds grew up outside New York, in Scotch Plains, NJ. He spent much of his childhood fantasizing about the ultimate "subway series." He figures that Mets-Yankees games would be great for the city. But does he like the realignment plan as a whole?

"I don't know, I don't know," Hammonds said, choosing his words carefully. "I'm used to seeing it the way it is. I'm not afraid of change, but I don't think it's something that I'm qualified to decide."

How valuable will those Mets-Yankees series be if each of those clubs has to spend the rest of the season competing with its cross-town rival to sell tickets to watch the same visiting teams? By August, only a pennant race would keep fans from boredom. For the most part it would simply be: Been there, seen that. And does Major League Baseball really want to do that in four of its biggest markets?

In Orioles territory, people probably don't care much about what will happen to the big four baseball cities. The Orioles, after all, would stay in the American League, and stay in the same division with the Yankees, Red Sox and Blue Jays. They would have driveable series against the Phillies. They'd get regular visits from the Braves and Maddux. Maybe they'd even start a rivalry with the Mets.

But think of what the Orioles would lose. They would lose half the country. No team west of Detroit would play the Orioles more than three games every two years (excepting playoffs). No team west of Detroit would visit Camden Yards for more than one three-game series every four years.

Depending on scheduling decisions (and potential playoff matchups), it's possible that, under radical realignment, Griffey's final at-bat Friday night was his last in Baltimore until 2001. That Randy Johnson made his last start there for years, if not forever. That, after this season, O's fans might have to wait four years to again boo Albert Belle.

"Nobody in the East wants to give up Seattle and the attendance draw they have," B.J. Surhoff said, "and no team on the West Coast wants to give up playing the Yankees."

Surhoff, like many players, is against radical realignment because he thinks the team owners are trying to fix something that isn't broken. He's against it because baseball is finally, slowly, getting back on track. Attendance is improving, and all of a sudden the owners want to blow up the two leagues. He's against it because it would make a terrible mess of the designated hitter issue.

"It's all about internal problems with the owners, and they can't solve them so they came up with this," Surhoff said. "The justification is that you play more games in the division and I understand that. That's what they do in the NBA.... But we're different. That's the way it's always been. What are you going to do? Throw away the whole National and American leagues?"

Surhoff's right – this whole issue is not about what the fans want, or how to change baseball for the better, or any of that. It's about scheduling. It's about the fact that interleague play, coupled with the addition of two teams next season, makes baseball scheduling a mess.

And, in the middle of this mess, the owners have two things they want to accomplish: They want to make sure each league gets one of the lucrative new markets. And they want to preserve interleague play.

Interleague play was an attendance success for one simple reason: People want to see new and different faces, they want to see the baseball stars who rarely, if ever, get to their town. And so to preserve that baseball owners have decided to do what? They've decided to make New Yorkers watch the same baseball teams over and over and over again. They've decided to limit the Orioles' competitors to teams in Detroit and eastward, save for 12 home games a year.

Sure, every team will make it to town eventually – like once every presidential election cycle. In the meantime, though, we'll all have to sit around and watch a whole lot of the same thing. (Washington Post)

Matthew Strauss

Orbach wins silver in Euro swim meet

By HEATHER CHAIT and agencies

Israel's massive swimming strides in recent years paid off yesterday when Eytan Orbach won the silver medal at the European Championships in Seville, Spain.

Orbach, who spent the last year at Auburn University in the United States, broke his own record in the 100 meters backstroke twice en route to his history-making time.

The result is the best achievement ever by an Israeli swimmer in a major competition.

Orbach went into the finals in first place, ahead of the Barcelona gold medalist, Martin Lopez Zubero from Spain, who was the eventual winner. Orbach's morning time was 55:96 which broke his previous record of 56:68.

In the finals Orbach surpassed himself, clocking the unprecedented time of 55:88 and taking second place.

Orbach's record, albeit the most loudly applauded yesterday, was not the only noteworthy result over the weekend.

The relay team set a new record in the 4x100 freestyle of 3:23.10, breaking the previous time of 3:25.79 and finishing seventh.

Swimming for Israel were Yoav Bruck, Orbach, Oren Azrad and Eran Garumi.

The team set a new record in the preliminary rounds also of 3:24:02.

In the 50m freestyle, Bruck finished seventh in the final, with a time of 23:03.

Yoav Meiri placed 15th in the 200m butterfly, clocking 2:02:91.

The competition ends today.

Popov wins 50-meter freestyle

Alexander Popov kept his six-year unbeaten string alive in the 50-meter freestyle, swimming the best time in the world this season of 22.30 seconds to win gold in the European Swimming Championships.

Mark Foster of Britain was second in 22.53 and 19-year-old Frenchman Julien Sicot was third in 22.78.

The 25-year-old Russian, who won the 100 earlier in 49.09 – also the world's best – is swimming his first major meet since winning double gold a year ago in the Atlanta Olympics.

He was stabbed a few weeks after (August 24, 1996) in Moscow in a run-in with a watermelon vendor, a freak accident that briefly threatened his life.

His time of 22.30 tops the year's previous best by Ricardo Busquets of Puerto Rico and William Pilczuk of the US (22.42). Popov, last beaten in this race in 1991, has a personal best of 21.91, just off the world record held by American Tom Jager (21.81).

Franck Esposito, fourth in the Olympics a year ago, won France's first gold of the championships in the 200-meter butterfly, coming from behind to overtake Denis Silantiev of Ukraine in the last 50 meters.

Esposito, a bronze medalist in the '92 Olympics in the 200 fly, clocked 1:57.24, the best time in Europe this year.

Silantiev finished in 1:58.48 with bronze for Britain's Stephen Parry in 1:58.78.



PUTTING ISRAEL ON THE MAP – Eytan Orbach smiles after placing second in the men's 100 meter backstroke in the European Swimming Championships. (Reuters)

World records set in men's 5,000, 10,000

BRUSSELS (AP) – Daniel Komen set a world record in the 5,000 and fellow Kenyan Paul Tergat beat the 10,000 mark at the Van Damme Memorial Friday, robbing rival Haile Gebrselassie of his two biggest records in a single hour.

It was the fifth time a middle or long distance record was broken in just 10 days, and Kenyans now hold all records from the 3,000 to the 10,000.

During one stunning hour, Komen set the tone with a brilliant display of solo running for the last two kilometers of his 5,000 race and Kenyan pacesetting paid off for Tergat.

For 21-year-old Komen, the record avenged a bitter loss to Gebrselassie last week when the Ethiopian profited from his pacesetting and improved the 5,000 mark during a stirring head-to-head battle at the Weltklasse meet in Zurich.

But the confidence of the 5,000 world champion never wavered.

"I just knew I was going to break that world record. It was in the air all night," Komen said.

Komen was driven by the 40,000 strong crowd and a pulsating African drum band, easing the loneliness of the distance runner and pushing him to a time of 12 minutes 39.74, slashing 2.12 seconds of the old record.

Komen also holds the 3,000 and two-mile world records. It was the second time Komen robbed a world record from Gebrselassie this year, after taking the two-mile mark last month.

Tergat also avenged a loss to Gebrselassie, finishing second to him in the 10,000 world championship earlier this month, and took the new mark to 26 minutes 27.85 seconds, chopping 3.47 seconds off the old mark set by Gebrselassie in Oslo in July.

"I had no doubt. I was ready for any sort of pace. I had no fear," said Tergat.

Lost among the record fever, Marion Jones became the third-fastest woman in history, winning the 100 meters in 10.76 seconds and confirming her ascendance as a top US star.

Only world record holder Florence Griffith Joyner with a time of 10.49 and Merlene Ottey, who she beat Friday, are ahead of her. Now Jones shares the third place on the list with fellow US runner Evelyn Ashford.

The double gold medalist at the world championships, also entered the top-10 in the 200 last week.

"My next goal is the world record of Flo-Jo. If there is one athlete who can break it, it's me," she said.

Namibia's Frankie Fredericks won the 100 meters in 9.90 seconds, beating world champion Maurice Greene and staying on course for at least part of 20 kilos in gold at stake in the Golden Four competition.

Romania's Gabriela Szabo, the 5,000 world champion, also won her third "golden" race and will get part of the $500,000 prize if she wins again on Tuesday in Berlin, the last of the Golden Four meets.

Moroccan 1,500 world champion Hicham el Guerrouj also won his third golden meet in a row, dominating his race against Burundi's Vunesie Nyangabo.

Fredericks held off Greene in a tight finish by just .02 seconds, while another US runner, Tim Montgomery, took third place in 9.94, completing a trio of runners who beat the 10 second barrier.

Allen Johnson was not able to maintain his Golden Four challenge, when fellow US runner Mark Crear beat the 110 hurdles world champion in a mediocre 13.20 seconds.

Kim Batten spoiled Deon Hemmings' shot at gold when the US runner won the 400 hurdles ahead of the Jamaican in 53.61, with world champion Nezha Bidouane of Morocco finishing just fourth.

World Champion Trine Hattestad was another victim in the Golden Four competition, when the Norwegian failed to make the final eight in the javelin event.

Each athlete who wins his or her event in Oslo, Zurich, Brussels and Berlin gets part of the 20 kilos of gold at stake.

Mac. Jaffa routs Mac. Yavne 15-0

By AMMANJAH DE VRIES

A record breaking score was registered in Second Division Toto Cup action this weekend. Playing with their youth squad because their budget has still not been approved for this season, Maccabi Yavne went down 15-0 against Maccabi Jaffa.

In the National League Toto competition Betar Jerusalem registered a 3-2 win over Ironi Rishon Lezion.

The Jerusalem team will be leaving for their Wednesday away match against Sporting Lisbon only tomorrow because goal keeper Itzik Kornfein is to be married on today.

The other National League scores this weekend included Maccabi Haifa 2-0 over Hapoel Tel Aviv, Maccabi Herzlia and Maccabi Tel Aviv 0-0, Bnei Yehuda 3-1 over Hapoel Petah Tikva. Hapoel Jerusalem 2-0 over Ironi Ashdod and Hapoel Ashkelon tied 1-1 with Hapoel Haifa.

Hapoel Kvar Sava just barely pulled off a 1-0 win over Hapoel Petah Tikva with a goal in the 90th minute. And finally, Hapoel Beersheba, who play a Cup Winners tournament match against Vilnius this Thursday, beat Hapoel Beit She'an 3-2.

Other Second Division Toto Cup results: Hapoel Taiba vs. Nes Ziona, 5-2; Hapoel Bat Yam vs. Betar Tel Aviv, 3-0; Hapoel Ashdod vs. Hapoel Ramat Gan, 1-1; Kfar Kahna vs. Maccabi Kiryat Gad, 3-1; Hapoel Lod vs. Ha Koah Ramat Gan, 0-0; Tsafririm Holon vs. Maccabi Acre, 1-1; Maccabi Netanya vs. Bnei Sahnin, 3-1.

This week's winning Toto line: 1,2,X,1,X,2,1,2,2,1,X,1,X,X,1

This week's winning Toto Plus line: 1,2,X,X,1,X,2,X,2,1,1,2,X,1

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Clemens wins 20th game

KANSAS CITY (AP) – Roger Clemens became the first 20-game winner in the major leagues this season, reaching the milestone for the first time since 1990 as he led the Toronto Blue Jays over the Kansas City Royals 5-3 Friday night.

Clemens (20-4), who has won 20 for the fourth time, allowed all three runs and seven hits in 7⅓ innings, striking out four and walking one. He moved past Cy Young into 13th place on the career strikeout list with 2,820. His league-leading ERA rose from 1.78 to 1.80.

Friday's AL results: Baltimore 3, Minnesota 1; Detroit 16, Milwaukee 1; Toronto 5, Kansas City 3; Texas 17, Chicago White Sox 8; Anaheim 8, Boston 5; Seattle 9, N.Y. Yankees 5; Cleveland 5, Oakland 3.

Thursday's AL results: Chicago White Sox 6, Toronto 3; Oakland 13, Boston 6; Detroit 2, Milwaukee 1 (12); Baltimore 4, Kansas City 3; N.Y. Yankees 4, Anaheim 3 (12); Seattle 7, Cleveland 6.

Friday's NL results: Chicago Cubs 3, Montreal 1; St. Louis 7, Florida 3; Pittsburgh 3, San Francisco 2; Los Angeles 5, Philadelphia 3; N.Y. Mets 9, San Diego 8 (11); Atlanta 6, Cincinnati 2; Houston 9, Colorado 1.

Thursday's NL results: Montreal 3, St. Louis 2; N.Y. Mets 3, Los Angeles 1 (1st game); Los Angeles 4, N.Y. Mets 3 (2nd game); San Diego 9, Pittsburgh 4; Houston 10, Colorado 4.

England salvages last game of Ashes series

LONDON (AP) – England soured Australia's record fifth consecutive Ashes victory with an emphatic 19-run triumph in the sixth and final Test at the Oval yesterday.

In a dramatic turn-around to the low-scoring match, Australia, set to make 124 runs in the second innings to win, was bowled out for 104 runs in only 32.1 overs.

Spin bowler Phil Tufnell took four for 27 and medium paceman Andrew Caddick took five for 42 to help restore some lost pride in a series which began with a nine-wicket first-Test victory to England at Edgbaston.

After the rain-ruined draw at Lord's, Australia won the next three Tests at Old Trafford, Headingley and Trent Bridge to secure the series 3-1.

England, 1st innings 180
Australia, 1st innings
Matthew Elliott b Tufnell 12
Mark Taylor cHollioake bTufnell 38
Greg Blewett c Stewart bTufnell 47
Mark Waugh c Butcher b Tufnell 19
Steve Waugh lbw b Caddick 22
Ricky Ponting c Hussain b Tufnell 40
Ian Healy c Stewart b Tufnell 2
Shaun Young c Stewart b Tufnell 0
Shane Warne b Caddick 30
Michael Kasprowicz lbw b Caddick 0
Glenn McGrath not out 1
Extras (3lb, 5nb, 1w) 9
TOTAL: 220 all out
Fall of wickets: 49, 54, 94, 140, 150, 164, 164, 205, 205, 220.
Bowling: Devon Malcolm 11-2-37-0 (1nb), Peter Martin 15-5-38-0 (1nb, 1w), Andrew Caddick19-4-76-3 (1nb), Phil Tufnell 34.3-16-68-7 (2nb).
Batting time: 330 minutes.
Overs: 79.3
England, 2nd innings
(Overnight 52 for three)
Mark Butcher lbw b Mark Waugh 13
M. Atherton c S. Waugh b Kasprowicz .8
Alec Stewart lbw b Kasprowicz 3
Nasser Hussain c Elliott b Warne 2
Graham Thorpec Taylor b Kasprowicz 62
Mark Ramprakashst Healy b Warne ..48
Adam Hollioake lbw b Kasprowicz 4
Andrew Caddick not out 0
Peter Martincand b Kasprowicz 3
Phil Tufnell c Healy b Kasprowicz 0
Devon Malcolm b Kasprowicz 0
Extras (6b, 10lb, 4nb) 20
TOTAL: 163 all out
Fall of wickets: 20, 24, 26, 52, 131, 138, 160, 163, 163, 163.
Bowling: Glenn McGrath 17-5-33-0, Michael Kasprowicz 15.5-5-36-7 (2nb), Shane Warne 26-9-57-2 (2nb), Mark Waugh 7-3-16-1, Shaun Young 1-0-5-0.
Batting time: 267 minutes.
Overs: 66.5

Australia, 2nd innings
Mark Taylor bwb Caddick 18
Matthew Elliott bwb Malcolm 4
Greg Blewett c Stewart b Caddick ...19
Mark Waugh c Hussain b Tufnell 1
Steve Waugh cThorpe b Caddick 6
Ricky Ponting lbw b Tufnell 20
Ian Healy c and b Caddick 14
Shaun Young not out 4
Shane Warne c Martinb Tufnell 3
M. Kasprowicz c Hollioake b Caddick ..4
Glenn McGrath c Thorpe b Tufnell 1
Extras (3b, 4lb, 2nb, 1w) 10
TOTAL: 104 all out.
Fall of wickets: 5, 36, 42, 49, 54, 88, 92, 95, 99, 104.
Bowling: Devon Malcolm 3-0-15-1, Peter Martin 4-0-13-0 (1w), Phil Tufnell 13. 1-6-27-4 (2nb), Andrew Caddick 12-2-42-5
Batting time: 153 minutes .
Overs: 32.1
Result: England won by 19 runs.
Australia won the series 3-2 to retain the Ashes.
1st Test at Edgbaston: England won by 9 wickets.
2nd Test at Lord's: Drawn
3rd Testat Old Trafford: Australia won by 268 runs.
4th Test at Leeds: Australia won by an innings and 61runs.
5th Test at Trent Bridge: Australia won by 264 runs.

World sailing tourney starts today in TA

By HEATHER CHAIT

Tel Aviv is the venue for the 1997 world sailing championships (470-division) which start today.

The world's best from 24 countries will be testing the waters and winds of Tel Aviv including the current No. 1 team from Greece, Andreas Kosmatopoulos and Kostas Trigonis who were the world champions in 1995 in Canada.

From Portugal is the team of Vitor Rocha and Nuno Barreto who occupy the second international spot.

The Israeli brothers, Nir and Ran Shental are ranked third in the world and will be seeking to exploit their home advantage in their quest for a medal.

The other local male sailors are Eli Zuckerman and Saar Behr, Zeev Kalach and David Schwartz, Ehud Gal and Gidi Kliger and Elad Ronen and Tomer Batitu.

The women's team of Anat Fabrikant and Shani Kedmi who represented Israel in Atlanta, are currently ranked 12th in the world and will be aiming to improve their reputation here.

Their competition will include the pair from the Ukraine, Ruslana Taran and Elena Pakholchik who are this year's European champions and sisters Suzanne and Michaela Ward from Denmark, the silver medalists at the same event.

The championships begin today at 11 am with two sails daily.

Meanwhile, in Ireland, Yosef Yogev and Shachaf Amir from Hapoel Sdot Yam won the gold medal at the European youth championships (420-division). Seventeen countries competed in the event.

Johansson leads European Open

DUBLIN (Reuters) – Per-Ulrik Johansson of Sweden continued his rich run of form to open a four-shot lead over Costantino Rocca in the third round of the European Open yesterday.

As Colin Montgomerie faded to a 72, Johansson, playing with the Scot in the last group, defied continuous rain to compile a six-under-par 66 on the 7,179-yard K Club course southwest of Dublin. His superb display in uncomfortable conditions followed his second round 64 on Friday which matched Montgomerie's opening round of the tournament.

Rocca, playing just ahead, almost kept pace with the Swede with a 67 of his own to take over second place.

Spaniard Miguel Jimenez showed that he has not given up all thought of playing by shooting a 67 to take third place.

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Cons Edison	31.125	+0.625
Cons Freightways	35.875	-0.0625
Cons Nat Gas	58.9375	+0.375
Cons Rail	-	
Cooper Inds	55.8125	+1.0625
Coors (Adolph)	35.0625	-0.3125
Corning Inc	58.125	-1.375
Crane	44.8125	+0.25
Crompton Knowles	25.75	-1.0625
Crown Cork Seal	51.25	+0.6875
Cummins Engine	79.5625	-0.375
Curtiss-Wright	72.875	-0.125
Cypress Semicon	15.5	+1
Cypress Mineral	25	-0.25
Cytec Indust	42.375	+0.375
DQE	31.8125	-0.125
Dana Corp	47.125	+1.4375
Data General	33.375	-0.5
Dayton Hudson	58.5	-0.4375
De Beers	31.5313	-0.46875
Deere	57.5625	+0.25
Delm Pwr & L	18.0625	+0.0625
Dell Computers	84.8125	-0.5625
Delta Air Lnes	89.1875	+0
Deluxe Corp	33.0625	+0.0625
Detroit Edison	29.8125	+0.25
Dial Corp Del	16.5625	-0.25
Diebold Inc	49.375	+1.1875
Digital Equip	45.25	-0.8125
Dillard Dep St	39.625	-0.125
Disney (Walt)	78.125	-0.75
Dominion Res	37.1875	+0.625
Donnelley (RR)	39.9375	-0.0625
Dover Corp	71.125	+0.375
Dow Chemicals	89.8125	-0.625
Dow Jones	43.125	+0.1875
Dresser	39.125	-0.125
DSC Comm	28.125	-0.25
Duke Power	49.1875	-0.0625
Dun & Bradst	27.1875	-0.125
Du Pont	65.625	-0.3125
E G & G Corp	21.3125	+0.75
Eastern Ents	35.875	+0.1875
Eastman Kodak	66.75	+0.125
Eaton Corp	88.4375	+0.625
Echlin Inc	36.8125	+0.25
Emerson Elec	55.25	-0.4375
Engelhard Corp	20.25	+0.125
Enron Corp	36.75	+0.5
Enserch Corp	-	-
Entergy Corp	24.6875	+0.0625
Enzo Biochem	15.5	+0.5
Ericsson	43.25	-0.5625
Ethyl Corp	8.8125	+0
Exxon	62.75	+0.4375
Exxon	62.75	+0.4375
FMC Corp	83.4375	+0.125
FPL Group	46.8125	+0.5
Fedders Corp	6.1875	-0.125
Federal Express	69.3125	-0.6875
Federal Mogul	36.375	-0.1875
Fed Nat Mtge	44.9375	+0.25
Fieldcrest Can	29.4375	+0.5625
First Bank Sys	-	-
First Chicago	73.9375	-0.1875
First Union	47.4375	+0.375
Fruit of the Loom	25.9375	+0
Fst Union Rlty	13	-0.125
Fleet Finl Grp	64.875	-0.25
Fleetwd Enterp	30.6875	+0.125
Fleming Cos Ok	19	+0.125
Florida Prog	31.875	-0.0625
Fluor Corp	58.75	+0
Food Lion Inc	7.21875	-0.0625
Ford Motor	42.9375	+0.3125
Foster Wheeler	47.25	+0.75
Freeport McMor	14.375	-0.1875
Galoob Toys	20.5625	-0.375
Gateway 2000	-	-
GATX Corp	51.1875	+0.0625
GTE Corp	45.625	-0.375
Gannett	98.4375	+0.0625
Gap Inc Del	44.5	+0.375
Gencorp	27.125	-0.0625
Gen Am Invest	24.625	-0.3125
Gen Dynamics	83.0625	+0.625
Gen Electric	64.875	-1.0625
Gen Mills	66.0625	-0.1875
Gen Motors	64.8125	+1.5
Gen Motors H	63.0625	+0.0625
Gen Public Utl	33.5	+0.25
Gen Reinsurnce	195.875	-1.4375
Gen Signal	45	-0.1875
Gen DataComm	6.875	-0.0625
Genuine Parts	31.5	+0.1875
Georgia Pac	91.9375	-0.4375
Gillette	86.6875	+0.5625
Glaxo ADR	39.5	-0.1875
Golden W Finl	82.25	+1
Goodrich (BF)	43.0625	-0.375
Goodyear Tire	63	+0.25
Grace (W&R)	69.6875	-0.625
Grainger (WW)	90.5	-0.5625
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25.5	-0.0625
Grt Central Mine	5.75	+0.25
Grt Western Finl	-	-
Halliburton	43.625	-0.8125
Hanna (MA)	26	+0.1875
Harcourt	48.25	-0.125
Harley Davidson	56.375	+0.375
Harnischfeger	40.3125	-0.5
Harrah's Ent	22.75	+0.4375
Harris Corp	86.375	+0
Harsco Corp	44.125	+0
Hartmarx	7.5625	+0.0625
Hasbro	27.1875	-0.8125
Hecla Mining	5.5	+0.25
Heinz (HJ)	42.625	-0.5
Helix Technol	63.75	-0.625
Hrsch & Payne	66.0625	+0.5
Hercules	51.25	-0.25
Hershey Foods	56.125	+0.4375
Hewlett Packard	63.875	-0.125
Hilton Hotels	30.5625	-0.4375
Hirsch Int	25	+0.25
Hollinger	13.0625	-0.125
Home Depot	49	-0.6875
Homestake	14.3125	+0.5
Honeywell	71.1875	+0.6875
Hormel (Geo)	28.8125	+0.25
Household Intl	118.313	-0.75
Houston Inds	20.75	+0.1875
Humana	23.5	-0.125
IBM	106.375	+0.625
Illnova Corp	23	+0.0625
Illinois Tool	48.9375	+0.1875
INCO	28.4375	-0.0625
Ingersoll Rand	62.4375	+0.1875
Inland Steel	20.625	-0.1875
Intel Corp	96.125	-2.25
Intergraph	10	-0.0625
Interlake	5.75	+0.0625
Intl Flvty EntB	34.875	+0
Intl Flav & Fr	52.3125	-0.5625
Intl Multifoods	27.875	+0.125
Intl Paper	53.8125	-0.875
Interpublic	47.75	+0
ITT Corp	63.3125	-0.0625
James River Bn	-	-
Jefferson Plt	68.4375	+0.125
Johnson & J	58.6875	-0.4375
K Mart	14.0625	+0.75
Kaiser Alum	14.625	-0.0625
Kellogg	84.3125	-1.1875
KLA Instruments	74.625	+1.75
Kennametal	46.9375	+0.0625
Kerr-McGee	62.125	+0.25
KeyCorp	59	-0.4375
Kimberly-Clark	50.125	+0.1875
King World Prod	39.3125	-0.75
Knight Ridder	51.375	+0.3125
Kroger	30	+0
LSI Logic	33.125	-0.5
Leggett & Platt	45.0625	-0.5625
Leucadia Natl	32.875	+0.5625
Lilly (Eli)	110	-0.1875
Limited Inc	22.6875	-0.0625
Linear Technol	68.25	+0.375
Lincoln Nat	66.5	-0.625
Litton	46.4375	-0.0625
Liz Claiborne	45.4375	-1.0625
Lockheed Corp	107	+0.125
Loews Corp	99.125	+0.5625
Lone Star	52.25	+0.0625
Long Island Lt	24.5	+0.125
Longs Drug Strs	25.75	-0.125
Loral Corp	17.5	-0.3125
Louisiana Land	74.4375	+0.6875
Louisiana Pacif	22	-0.125
Lowe's Co Inc	34.4375	-0.4375
Lucent Tech	88.25	-0.25
Lubrizol	43.4375	+0.5625
Madge	6.75	+0.125
MCI Commun	29.9375	-0.625
Mallinckrodt	35.6875	-0.125
Manor Care	31.375	+0
Mapco Inc	29.875	+0.25
Marriott	66.8125	-0.0625
Mrsh & McLn	72	+0.1875
Marvel	2.125	-0.0625
Masco Corp	45.1875	-0.375
Massmutual Corp	41.5	-0.25
Mattel Inc	34.125	-0.25
Maytag Corp	27.625	+0.125
McDermott	28.8125	-0.0625
McDonalds	49.75	+0.125
McGraw Hill	61.8125	+0.75
McKesson Corp	89.9375	-0.25
Mead Corp	68.25	-1.5625
Medtronic	89.6875	-1.5625
Mellon Bk	47.5	-0.0625
Mentor Graphics	10.125	+0.125
Mercantile Strs	63.875	-0.3125
Merck Inc	94.375	-0.375
Meredith Corp	29.3125	-0.1875
Merrill Lynch	63.5	+0.25
Micron Technol	45.125	-0.75
Microsoft Corp	137.25	-0.625
Millipore	49.3125	+0.125
Mine Safety App	64.25	+1.25
Minnesota Mine	92.5	+1
Mitchell Energy	23.4375	-0.1875
Mobil Corp	73.875	-0.25
Mobile Telecom	12.5	-0.3125
Molex Inc	36.5	-0.125
Monarch Macht	8.3125	+0.0625
Monsanto	45	-0.3125
Morgan (JP)	111.188	-0.9375
Morningstar Grp	30.25	-0.5
Morton Intl	33.4375	+0.6875
Motorola Inc	79.375	-0.625
Murphy Oil	52.9375	-0.375
Nacco Inds	81.625	-0.75
Nalco Chemical	39.3125	+0.1875
Nashua Corp	10.25	-0.125
Natl City Corp	56.8125	+0.1875
Natl Semi	35.0625	+0
Natl Serv Ind	44.8125	+0
NatWest Bank	75.875	-0.875
Navistar Intl	24	+0.125
Netscape	36.75	-0.75
New England El	38.6875	+0.75
News Corp	17.5625	+0.0625
NY State El Gas	24.75	+0.375
NY Times A	48	+0.3125
Newmont Mining	42.875	+0.5
Niag Mohawk	9	+0
Nicor Inc	36	+0
Nike Inc	55.875	-0.0625
NL Industries	12.8125	+0.0625
Noble Affil	43.625	+0.3125
Nokia	80.4375	-2.375
Nordstrom	60.125	-0.0625
Norfolk Southrn	101.625	+0.9375
Northeast Util	10.125	+0
Novell	8.375	+0.25
Nthn State Pwr	49	+0.1875
Northrop	119.25	+0.4375
Norwest Corp	58	-0.9375
NSI	3.625	-0.125
Occidental Pet	24.0625	+0.125
Ogden Corp	23.375	+0.1875
OEA	36.8125	-0.375
Ohio Casualty	45	+0.625
Ohio Edison	22.1875	+0.375
Olin Corp	44.1875	+0.125
Omnicom Group	68.8125	+1.1875
Oneok Inc	32.6875	+0.5
Oracle Systems	40.875	+0.9375
Oryx Energy Co	25.6875	+0.375
Oshkosh B'gosh	23.375	-0.125
Outboard Marine	18	+0.125
Overseas Ship	23.125	-0.25
Owens Corning	40.1875	+0.0625
PHH Group	-	-
PNC Financial	42.9375	-0.25
PPG Industries	63.4375	+0.125
Paccar Inc	48.125	+0.5
Pacificorp	21.375	+0.375
Pac Enterprises	32.75	-0.25
Pac Gas & Elect	23.75	+0.1875
Pac Telesis	-	
Pall Corp	23.875	+0
Panh Eastern	-	
Parker Drilling	12.125	-0.4375
Parker Hannifin	65.3125	+0.9375
Penney (JC)	60.75	-0.375
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	21.1875	+0.1875
Pennzoil	77.875	+0.125
People's Energy	37.9375	+0.1875
Pepsico	36.75	+0.5625
Perkin Elmer	79.0625	-1.1875
Pfizer	56.0625	+0.5625
Pharmacia & Upj	35.125	+0.0625
Phelps Dodge	83.5	+0.75
Philadel Elec	22.875	+0.4375
Philip Morris	44.3125	-0.4375
Philips Elec	74.25	-1.75
Phillips Pet	48.625	+1.125
Pioneer Hi Bred	85.625	-1
Pitney Bowes	77	-1.5
Policy Mgt Sys	58	+0.25
Polycom	5.125	+0.125
Potash Corp	75	+1
Potomac El Pwr	22.5	-0.0625
Procter & Gamble	138.5	+0.625
Pub Svc Enterpr	24.8125	+0.0625
Pug Snd Pwr	26	+0
Quaker Oats	49.6875	+0.5625
Qualcom	46.25	-0.5625
Quanex Corp	31.75	-0.25
RJR Nabisco	35.3125	+0
Ralston Purina	91.6875	+3.4375
Rank Organsn ADR	11.5	+0.25
Raychem Corp	95	-0.4375
Raytheon	55.875	-0.125
Reebok Intl	47.375	-0.25
Reynolds Reyn A	19.625	-0.25
Reynolds Metals	74.4375	-1.0625
Rite Aid Corp	50.125	-0.8125
Roadway Services	39.25	+0.25
Rockwell Intl	60.125	-0.3125
Rohm & Haas	95.8125	-0.9375
Rohr Industries	26.5	+0
Rouse	29.4375	+0.125
Rowan	29.4375	-0.5
Royal Dutch	53.1875	+0.375
Rubbermaid	25.125	+0.3125
Ruddick	15.1875	+0.4375
Russell Corp	28.875	-0.3125
Ryder System	36	+0.1875
Rymer Co	-	
SPS Technology	87.75	-0.25
Safeco Corp	48.625	+0.71875
Safety-Kleen	19.4375	-0.125
St Paul's Cos	75.6875	-0.0625
Salomon Inc	61.75	-0.5625
San Diego Gas	23.625	-0.25
Sara Lee Corp	40.75	+0.1875
Schering Plough	50.0625	+0.0625
Schlumberger	73.75	-0.625
Scientif Atlanta	22.25	-0.375
Scripps	36.6875	+0
Seagate Tech	40.9375	-0.4375
Seagram	35.9375	+0.3125
Sears Roebuck	58.75	+0
Sensormatic Elec	12.4375	-0.3125
Service Corp I	32.875	+0.3125
Service Master	24.0625	-0.4375
Shared Medical	49	-0.25
Shell Trans	41.125	-0.25
Sherwin Willms	30.1875	+0
Shoney's Inc	5.625	+0
Sigma Aldrich	32.4063	-0.46875
Silicon Graphics	26.875	-0.5
Skyline Corp	27.875	-0.375
Smith Intl	69.9375	-0.5625
SmKline Bchm A	85.75	-2.6875
Snap-On-Tools	41	+0
Sonat	49	+0
Sonoco Prods	33.1875	+0.625
Sony Corp ADR	94.75	-1.8125
Southdown	48.5	+0.125
Southern Co	21.5625	+0.125
Sth N. Eng Tel	39	-0.375
Southw Airlines	29.9375	+1.125
Southwestn Bell	55.375	-0.5625
Spring Inds	45.4375	-0.375
Sprint Corp	46.6875	-1.0625
Standard Prods	26.5	+0.4375
Stanley Works	43.75	+0.6875
Stone Container	17	-0.1875
Storage Technol	48.75	+0.1875
Stratus Comp	53.25	+0.5
Sun America	0.9375	0
Sun Company	37.875	+0.25
Sundstrand	59.75	-0.5
Sun Microsystems	50.125	-1
Suntrust	61.75	+0.125
Supervalu	41.3125	+0.3125
Symantec	25.5	+1.1875
Sysco Corp	36.9375	+0.5625
TJX Cos Inc	27.375	+0.5
TRW Inc	56	+0.375
Tab Products	11.8125	-0.25
Tambrands	-	-
Tandem Comp	34.8125	+0.6875
Tandy Corp	65.25	-1.5625
Telecom Corp	18.125	+0
Telefonas de Mex	51.7813	-0.65625
Temple Inland	66.4375	-0.0625
Tenneco	45.375	+0.125
Teradyne	54	-1.6875
Tesoro Pet	16.8125	+0.1875
Texaco	115.188	+0.5625
Texas Instrmnts	118.75	-6.25
Texas Utilities	35.0625	+0.25
Textron	64	+1.5
Thiokol	80	+0.375
Thomas & Betts	54.875	-0.625
ThreeCom	52.6875	-0.5625
Time Warner	52.5625	-1
Times-Mirror	51.375	+0
Timken	37	-0.125
Torchmark	35.75	-0.8125
Tosco Corp	34	-0.0625
Total Pet N Am	9.9375	+0
Toys R Us	33.5	-0.625
Transamerica	97.5	-0.5
Transco Energy	56.9375	+0
Travellers Grp	66.8125	-0.5625
Tribune	50.125	+0.1875
TRINOVA Corp	-	-
Triton Energy	38.75	+0.25
TWA	7.125	+0
Tyco Labs	76.6875	+0
Tyler	2.4375	-0.0625
UAL Corp	79.4375	+0.5
USG Corp	43.5625	-1.0625
UST Inc	28.875	+0.0625
USX Marathon	32.5	+0.3125
USX-US Steel	34.75	-0.3125
Unicom Corp	24.125	+0.75
Unilever NV	117.5	-0.8125
Union Camp	59.1875	-1.1875
Union Carbide	52.9375	-0.6875
Union Electric	37.25	+0
Union Pacific	68.5625	+0.25
Unisys Corp	10.75	-0.0625
USAIR Group	35.625	-0.75
USF&G Corp	23.0625	+0.0625
US Home	32.6875	-0.375
US Life	-	-
US Robotics	-	-
US Surgical	33.875	-0.6875
US Trust	51.875	+0
US West	37.0625	-0.25
United Tech	79.75	-1
Unocal Corp	38.8125	+0.5
VF Corp	88	-1
Valero Energy	31.625	+0.25
Varian Assoc	57.25	-1.375
Viacom Inc	30.0625	-0.375
Vishay	23.5	-0.0625
Vulcan Materials	88.0625	+1.5625
Wachovia	61.3125	-0.8125
Walgreen	27.6875	+0.5625
Wal-Mart Stores	36.25	-0.4375
Warner-Lambert	137.438	+0.9375
Wash Gas Light	24.6875	+0.125
Washington Post	422.5	-0.4375
Waste Mgmnt Inc	32.25	-0.25
Watkins-Johnson	35.25	-0.5
Weis Markets	33.0625	-0.1875
Wells Fargo	261.188	+1.1875
Wendy's Intl	24.0625	+0.25
Westinghouse El	25.9375	-0.125
Westvaco	33.25	-0.6875
Weyerhaeuser	59.1875	-0.375
Whirlpool	56.8125	-1.1875
Whitman	24.875	+0.25
Williams Co	44.5	+0.125
Winn Dixie Strs	35.25	+0.125
Woolworth	24.6875	-0.4375
World Comm	32.625	-0.125
Worthington Ind	18.75	-0.1875
Wrigley	74.3125	-0.1875
Xerox	76	-0.875
Yellow Freight	28.625	+0.25
Zenith Electron	10.6875	+0
Zero Co	26.9375	-0.4375

LONDON

	LAST	CHANGE*
Allied Domecq	466.5	+0.5
BAT Inds	514	-1
BT	436	+23.5
BTR	214.5	-0.5
Barclays	1405	-2.5
Bass	812.5	-13
Boots	706.5	-4.5
British Airways	657.5	-3.5
British Gas	-	
General Electric	372	-9
Grand Met	580	-6
Glaxo	1228.5	-36.5
Guiness	568.5	-11
HSBC (75p shs)	2104.5	-70
Hanson	-	
ICI	1008	-31
Land Securities	916	-2.5
Lloyds Bank	724.5	-15
Marks & Spencer	576	-13
NatWest Bank	792	+0.5
Prudential	602	-1
Reuters	629	-9
Sainsbury	441.5	-3
Shell Transport	423.5	-14
Unilever	1809	-41.5

PARIS

	LAST	CHANGE*
Accor	970	-6
Air Liquide	920	-10
Alcatel Alsthom	800	-7
Euro Disney	8.5	-0.1
Saint Gobain	865	-8

FRANKFURT

	LAST	CHANGE*
Allianz AG	-	-
BASF	-	
Bayer	69.9	-3
Commerzbank	-	
Daimler-Benz	137.7	-7.2
Deutsche Bank	-	
Dresdner Bk	-	
Hoechst	70.7	-2.3
Lufthansa	35.6	-1.65
Mannesmann	883	-22
Metallgesellschaft	40.8	-1.4
Porsche	-	

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WALL STREET REPORT

Dow falls slightly after wild ride

NEW YORK (Reuters) – Wall Street ended a roller-coaster week with a bang on Friday, as blue-chip stocks tumbled and then bounced back to finish with small losses.

Bonds and the dollar headed lower, while gold and silver prices rallied.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended a shade lower after bargain-hunters stepped in late in the day and reversed a 177-point drop in the 30-share index.

Earlier, worries about the falling dollar, rising long-term interest rates and weakness in semiconductor stocks sent the market into a tailspin. But a round of bargain-hunting just before the closing bell lifted blue-chip issues with lightning speed.

"The portfolio managers came out, putting all those funds to work on the weakness," said Scott Bleier, chief market strategist for Prime Charter Ltd. "All this buying came in the last 15 minutes." The Dow finished off 6.04 points at 7,887.91. For the week, it rose 193.25. The technology-laden Nasdaq composite index declined 8.67 to 1,598.69 Friday but gained 36.66 from last Friday.

Troubles for Wall Street started brewing overnight, when the dollar began slipping further against the mark due to fears that Germany's central bank might raise interest rates.

The dollar fell to 1.8185 marks, down from 1.8360 late on Thursday, and to 118.35 yen, up from 117.15 Thursday.

Fears of a rate hike in Germany also spelled trouble for bonds, raising the specter that foreign money might move out of US Treasury bonds in search of higher interest rates.

The 30-year Treasury fell 11/32, or $3.44 on a $1,000 bond, raising its yield to 6.65 percent from 6.62 percent Thursday.

Bond prices and yields move in opposite directions.

Key Representative Rates

US Dollar	NIS 3.5360	- 0.11%
Sterling	NIS 5.6169	- 0.38%
Mark	NIS 1.9283	+ 0.85%

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	7887.91	-6.04
DJ Transport	2937.02	+4.54
DJ Utils	231.35	+1.94
DJ Comp	2459.93	-2.96
NYSE Industr	606.4	-0.62
NYSE Transport	440.18	+0.15
NYSE Comp	478.93	-0.83
S&P 100	896.91	-2.4
S&P Spot Index	923.54	-1.51

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	4901.1	+0
Tokyo Nikkei	18650.1	+0
Singapore all-share index	482.24	+0
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	15429.7	+0
Israel Index	271.57	-0.91

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.6105	+0.0205
Sep.future (CME)	1.6084	+0.0168
D-mark: spot	1.8203	-0.0175
Sep.future (CME)	0.552	+0.0073
S-franc: spot	1.5017	-0.012
Sep.future (CME)	0.6692	+0.0072
Yen: spot	118.4	+1.09
Sep.future (CME)	0.008461	-7.9e-005
CanDlr: spot	1.3919	-0.0013
Sep.future (CME)	0.7194	+0.0019
AusDlr: spot	0.7487	+0.0001
Sep.future (CME)	0.7469	-0.0036
F-franc: spot	6.131	-0.056
It Lira: spot	1775	-15.5
Nlg: spot	2.0496	-0.0171
AuShlg: spot	12.7942	-0.1757
Rand: spot	4.695	-0.045
ECU: spot	1.079	+0.0077
Bonds Sep.future	112.16	-0.23
S and P Sep.future	926.15	-0.5

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (CEC)	1583	-22
Coffee (Sep) (CEC)	171.3	-0.25
Wheat (Sep) (CBOT)	368.75	-0.75
Soybean (Nov) (CBOT)	621.5	-2.5
Orange juice (Nov)(CEC)	69.65	-0.45
Crude oil light (Sep)(CEC)	20.06	0

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (LCE)	1064	-23
Coffee (Sep) (LCE)	1499	-17
Brent crude oil (Oct)(IPE)	1854	+6

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Gold: spot	327.25	+3.9
Silver: spot	4.65	+0.11

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Aug)	326.2	+3
Silver (Sep)	4.682	+0.177
Platinum (Oct)	409.4	-2.8
Palladium (Sep)	201.5	+1.8
High-grade copper (Sep)	0.9995	+0.0085

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	321.8	-0.1
Gold PM fix	324	+1
Silver fix	449.8	-2

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market listings are from aproximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 23-AUG-97)

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WALL STREET WEEK

Crash anniversary approaches, but analogies are sparse

NEW YORK (AP) — Analogies are tempting as the 10th anniversary approaches, especially with the Dow Jones industrial average whipping more than 100 points higher or lower on a daily basis.

But beyond the time of year and some pricy market conditions, the parallels between today and the pre-crash setting of 1987 are sketchy.

The climactic event of 1987, of course, didn't come until Oct. 19, when Black Monday's crash sliced 508 points off the Dow, wiping out more than one-fifth of its value.

But the beginning of the apparent end — or what soon proved to be a fairly brief interruption in a bull market that's now 15 years old — came in late summer of that year, when the Dow closed at a record 2,722.42 on Aug. 25.

Slightly less than 10 years later, on Aug. 6, the Dow closed at a record 8,259.31, the latest in another seemingly endless stream of new highs.

But just as the Dow's high of August 1987 quickly revealed itself as a slippery slope rather than a base camp for the next climb, the market's latest record has begun to take on the appearance of an insurmountable peak.

Which begs the question: Is history about to repeat itself? Will this volatile market, after an astounding 2 1/2-year run, finally cave under its own weight as the doomsayers have predicted again and again? Without a doubt, current market valuations such as the ratio of share prices to earnings are stretched to extremes like those seen pre-crash 1987. And for those who like dealing in spooky coincidences, historians love to point out what a terrible track record the markets have in September, October and years ending with a "7."

"You can start to draw vague parallels, but I'd emphasize the word 'vague,'" said Charles G. Crane, director of research at Spears, Benzak, Salomon and Farrell. "The valuations are quite similar, but valuations by themselves almost never cause stocks or the market to decline." The biggest difference between then and now, analysts say, can be summed up in the usual terms: inflation and interest rates.

The Treasury market was in big trouble back in 1987, with the economy overheating, inflation surging and long-term borrowing costs skyrocketing.

Yes, this month's unprecedented volatility has been precipitated in part by a retreat in bond prices that has boosted interest rates.

But even with the recent increase, the long-bond yield stands near 6.5 percent, more than a third cheaper than the 10 percent levels seen in the summer of 1987.

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

European shares slide

LONDON (Reuters) — Stock markets on both sides of the Atlantic dropped sharply for the second Friday in succession and the dollar also weakened on renewed speculation that German interest rates could rise soon.

Key European markets closed above their lows but the Frankfurt bourse still ended 2.7 percent lower and its Paris counterpart dropped by almost 1.8%.

Dealers said share prices were undermined by Wall Street's extended retreat, a marked drop in the dollar and the desire by investors to cash in profits ahead of the weekend.

Price falls in London were restrained by news of revised merger terms between British Telecom and MCI of the US. But Europe's biggest stock market nevertheless ended with a loss of around 1.5 percent.

Frankfurt trading was unsettled by the drop on Wall Street, a weaker dollar — unwelcome news for German exporters — and the higher German import price data, which dealers said could mean higher interest rates soon.

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (11.9.96)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.750	5.000	5.375
Pound sterling (£100,000)	3.875	4.000	4.250
German mark (DM 200,000)	1.625	1.625	2.125
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.625	0.750	1.000
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (22.8.97)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	BANKNOTES Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.7447	3.8051	—	—	3.7717
U.S. dollar	3.5102	3.5689	3.45	3.62	3.5360
German mark	1.9158	1.9468	1.88	1.98	1.9283
Pound sterling	5.5745	5.6645	5.47	5.75	5.6169
French franc	0.5685	0.5777	0.55	0.59	0.5724
Japanese yen (100)	2.9936	3.0419	2.94	3.09	3.0178
Dutch florin	1.7009	1.7284	1.67	1.76	1.7127
Swiss franc	2.3217	2.3592	2.28	2.40	2.3385
Swedish krona	0.4392	0.4463	0.43	0.46	0.4420
Norwegian krone	0.4598	0.4673	0.45	0.48	0.4630
Danish krone	0.5026	0.5108	0.49	0.52	0.5061
Finnish mark	0.6411	0.6515	0.63	0.67	0.6452
Canadian dollar	2.5193	2.5600	2.47	2.60	2.5375
Australian dollar	2.6325	2.6750	2.58	2.72	2.6515
S. African rand	0.7470	0.7591	0.67	0.76	0.7529
Belgian franc (10)	0.9271	0.9421	0.91	0.96	0.9340
Austrian schilling (10)	2.7218	2.7658	2.67	2.81	2.7404
Italian lira (1000)	1.9630	1.9947	1.92	2.03	1.9776
Jordanian dinar	4.9509	5.0308	4.89	5.22	4.9504
Egyptian pound	1.0000	1.0900	1.00	1.09	1.0962
ECU	3.7665	3.8263	—	—	3.7897
Irish punt	5.1126	5.1951	5.02	5.27	5.1590
Spanish peseta (100)	2.2662	2.3028	2.22	2.34	2.2835

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

CURRENCY REPORT

Dollar tumbles against mark

NEW YORK (AP) — The dollar continued a steep slide against the mark in light, nervous trading Friday, undercut by expectations of higher German interest rates and anxiety over unsettled US financial markets.

In late New York trading, the dollar had fallen to 1.8168 marks from 1.8382 on Thursday, a drop of more than 2 pfennigs.

Since reaching a nearly eight-year high of 1.8832 marks during trading Aug. 5, the dollar has now dropped about 3.5 percent against the mark.

But the dollar still is almost 18 percent higher than when it ended last year at 1.5415 marks.

The dollar also fell against most other leading currencies Friday, including the British pound, which strengthened to $1.6093 in late New York trading from $1.5935 Thursday.

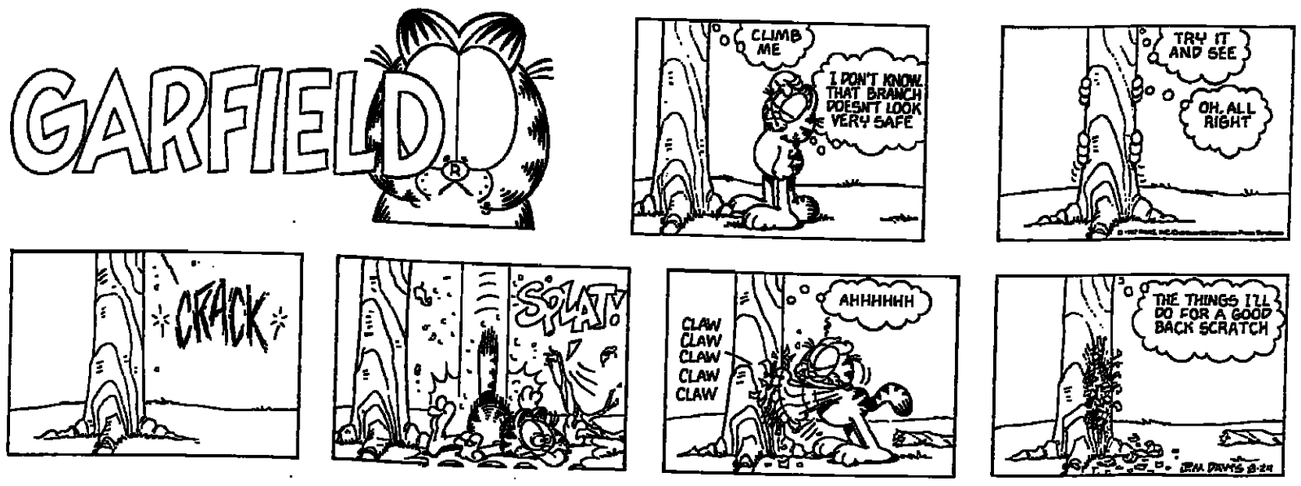
But the dollar rose to 118.31 Japanese yen from 117.20 Thursday. Traders said that purchases of yen with marks Friday also helped push the dollar higher.

Much of the focus in Friday's currency markets was on US financial markets, where stocks were faltering with bonds until a late rebound all but wiped out a 177-point plunge in the Dow Jones industrial average. Attention also turned to the German economy, where inflation jitters persist and expectations are high that interest rates will soon rise.

Rising interest rates in Germany would make the mark more attractive because investments in mark-denominated assets would offer higher returns.

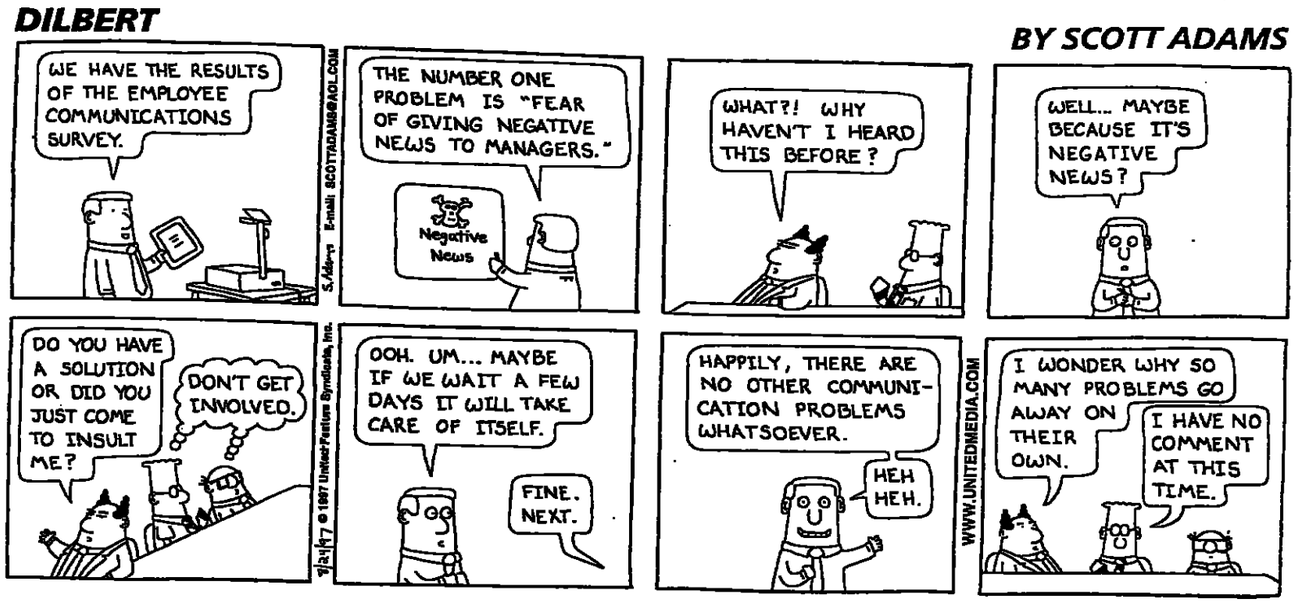
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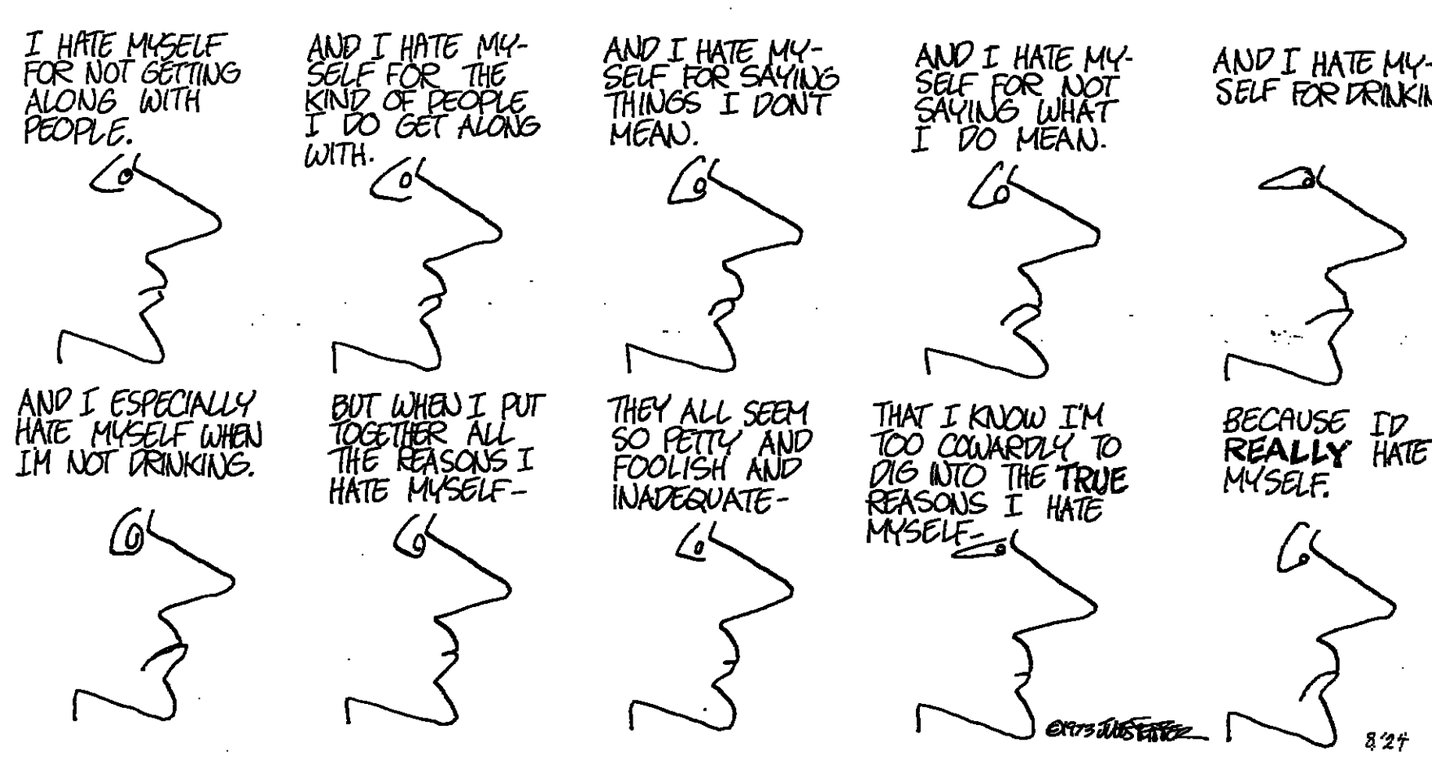


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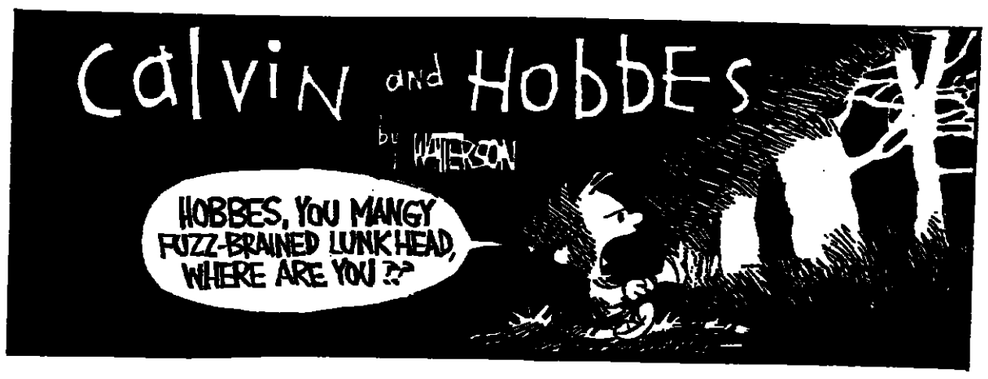


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Calvin and Hobbes

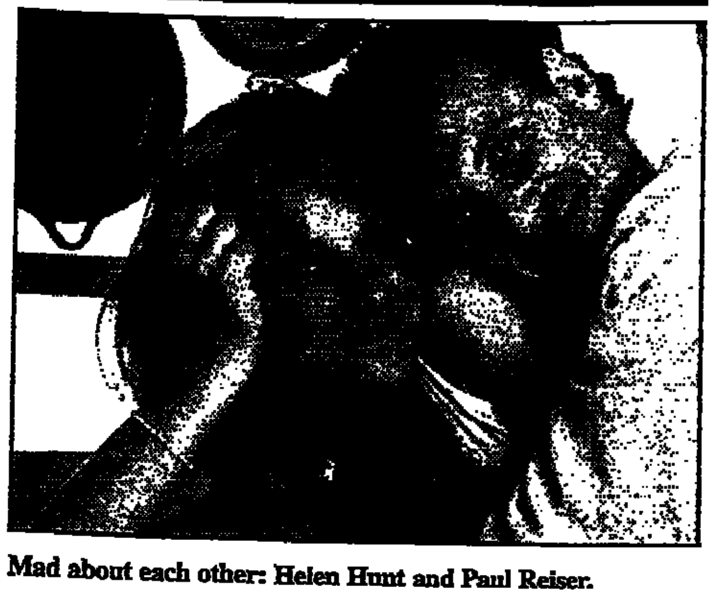
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CRITICS' CHOICE

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN



Mad about each other: Helen Hunt and Paul Reiser.

Finally something is moving in the rather dull lineup television has had to offer for the past few months. As the school year starts, all the channels are putting out their new schedules and hopefully, we'll get to see a few more quality programs.

The Family Channel (3) will air its new schedule beginning this week with a whole new string of local and American programs.

Tonight at 9:10 starts the second season of *Cafe Paris*, a locally produced drama set in a traditional Tel Aviv cafe which tries to compete with newer, trendier bars. Then at 9:35, the Family Channel launches the fifth season of *Mad About You*, the popular American sitcom with Helen Hunt and Paul Reiser.

Sports aficionados, particularly NBA fans, will enjoy *Rockin' the Rim* tonight on ITV 3 (33) at 10:30. The show features some of the hottest NBA stars, such as Shaquille O'Neal, Alonzo Morning, Larry Johnson, and Chris Webber performing stunts and talking about some of the high points in their careers.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ MEN IN BLACK — Barry Sonnenfeld's playfully off-beat parody of the Martian-movie genre stars Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith as nattily dressed officers in a top-secret agency designed to keep track of all alien life forms currently residing on planet Earth. The funniest thing about the film, which was written by Ed Soloman from a comic book by Lowell Cunningham, is its crisply matter-of-fact approach to good old worldly law and order. There's something at once knowing and rather resigned about the practical, slightly archaic way in which the MiBs go about their work—cruising their beat, drinking coffee from paper cups, pulling over alien-owned cars to check the driver's license and registration.... Clearly, the universe is too vast and mysterious a place to be policed effectively by a few deputized mortals in a gas-guzzling Plymouth. But the agents do what they can to keep the peace, and their actions come to seem logical in a loopy, deadpan way: of course there are Martians on the streets of New York, and of course someone high-up must know about it. The movie pokes gentle fun at conspiracy theories at the same time that it honors them. With Linda Fiorentino, who doesn't have enough to do as a leggy coroner/damsel in distress. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance strongly advised).

★★★ MICROCOSMOS — This small nature documentary focuses in amazing close-up on the insects, flowers, frogs, and birds in and around a French field. Aside from a few expository sentences spoken by an off-screen narrator, it has no script — and offers no explanations — whatsoever. For an hour and a quarter, we watch this little world from a bug's-eye view, an experience which is at times quite remarkable. The images, one by one, are some of the most astounding you will ever see on screen, moving as they do through a phenomenal parade of nearly sublime shifts in scale. As movie qua movie, *Microcosmos* is weakened by kitsch celestial music, misty-eyed shots of the meadows and moon, and the disappointing readiness of filmmakers Claude Nuridsany and Marie Perennou to resort to story-telling gimmicks and cheap personifications. But in the end, it doesn't really matter. The film brims with so much natural wonder, it's possible to overlook these cinematic shortcomings and just ogle the ladybugs. (General audiences.)

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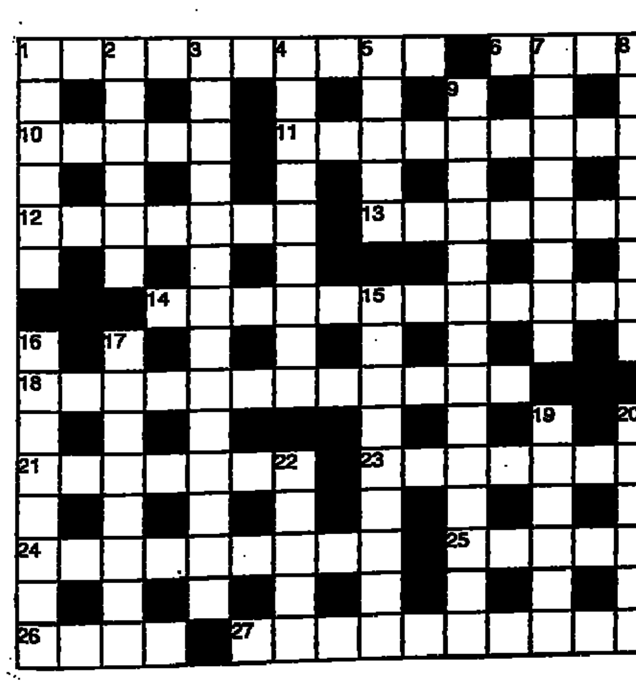
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ACROSS

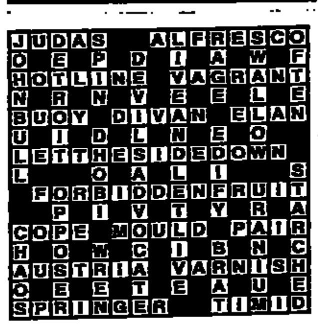
1 Novel objective of a Home Secretary (7,3)
6 Friend left in funereal mantle (4)
10 A board gaining Franco-German agreement (5)
11 Become emotional when told to start work (3,6)
12 Leslie returns to house in Africa (7)
13 Cheated by convict going back to Irish county (7)
14 Sign said note, spelling out names (12)
18 Cash in the hands of water companies (6,6)
21 Ground protected against frost (7)
23 Doing a Scottish dance whilst tipsy (7)
24 Devilish behaviour creates indelible impression (9)
25 She can go back into motoring club (5)
26 Some fascinating ideas presented by French novelist (4)
27 Ostentatious lamp used by a paparazzo (10)

DOWN

1 Housework, note, is just a game (4-2)
2 Fancy getting my wish accommodated! (6)
3 Severely warned—against unlawful assembly (4,3,4,3)
4 Italian girl finds organ is in disrepair (9)
5 Remarked on the absence of haymakers? (5)
7 A crooner confronts fellow in Oxfordshire (8)
8 Member with a liking for pedantic barman (8)
9 Being shoved aside while visiting Chinese monument (5,2,3,4)
15 Fiddlers are away and free of obligation (2,7)
16 Getting tired of laying paving stones (8)
17 Egghead made a wisecrack when fitted out (8)
19 Sending cable to illegal Mayfair syndicate (6)
20 In Armagh a statesman is appalled (6)
22 Uniform material for military exercises (5)



SOLUTIONS

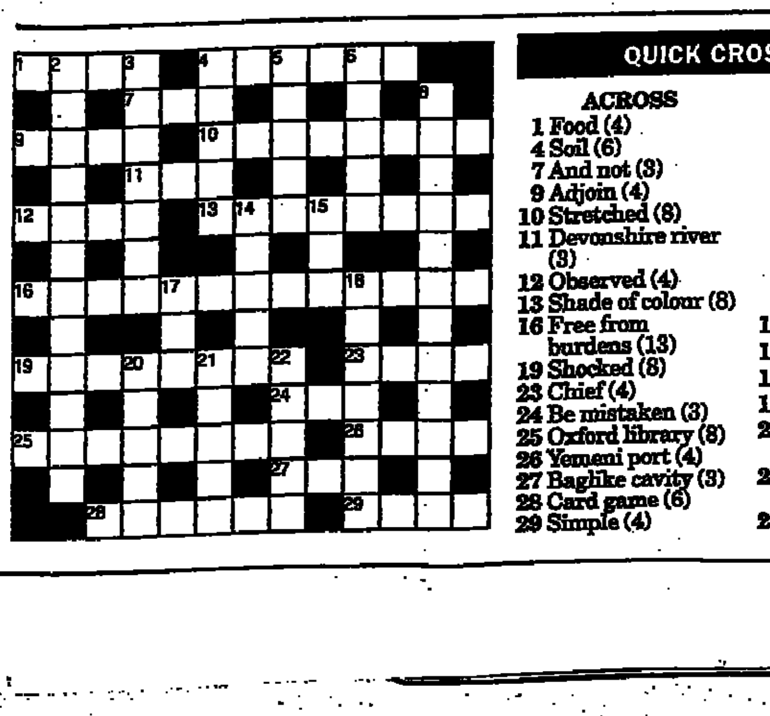


Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Wilde, 4 Flowers, 8 Digital, 9 Infer, 10 Larva, 11 Aplenty, 13 Name, 15 Dainty, 17 Rabies, 20 Avid, 22 Gnocchi, 24 Visit, 26 Swift, 27 Ignoble, 28 Overrun, 29 Elegy.

DOWN: 1 Waddled, 2 Lager, 3 Entrant, 4 Fulham, 5 Oriel, 6 Effendi, 7 Sorry, 12 Peri, 14 Ayah, 16 Idolize, 18 Advance, 19 Satiety, 21 Vision, 22 Gusto, 23 Cater, 25 Sabra.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Food (4)
4 Soil (6)
7 And not (3)
9 Adjoin (4)
10 Stretched (8)
11 Devonshire river (3)
12 Observed (4)
13 Shade of colour (8)
16 Free from burdens (13)
19 Shocked (8)
23 Chief (4)
24 Be mistaken (3)
25 Oxford library (8)
26 Yemeni port (4)
27 Baglike cavity (3)
28 Card game (6)
29 Simple (4)

DOWN

2 Shortened form (12)
3 Inter-state agreement (7)
4 Hail (5)
5 Frequently (5)
6 Group of nine (5)
8 Bravery (12)
14 Habituate (5)
15 Taxi (3)
17 Meshed fabric (3)
18 Clasp (7)
20 Measuring device (5)
21 Scottish landowner (5)
22 Thick (5)

TV

■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Cartoons
10:00 Eric's World
10:30 The Intrepids
11:00 A Matter of Time
11:35 Hot Science
12:10 A.J., Time Traveller
13:00 Cartoons (rpt)
15:10 The Story of Read Alee–Deed Alee – English program

■ CHANNEL 1

15:30 Zappy Wave
15:33 Denver, the Last Dinosaur
15:50 Super Ben
16:00 Heartbreak High
16:45 Super Ben
16:59 A New Evening
17:34 Zappy Wave
18:10 Super Ben
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Amal and Kamal's Studio
19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:30 News flash
19:31 Home Improvement
20:00 News
20:45 A Second Look
21:35 World Soccer
22:35 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: The Double (1996) – Lisa is shocked to meet her double. With Camilla Power and Jason Fleming
23:30 News
00:00 A Glance at the Mount of Olives

■ CHANNEL 2

6:15 Today's programs
6:30 Rainbow Children
6:55 This Morning
9:00 Rivka Michaeli
9:55 Senora
10:48 The Odyssey
11:42 Enchanted Journey
12:33 Jenny and the Captain
13:00 Platfus
13:30 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
14:00 Degrassi Junior High
14:30 Tic Tac
15:00 The Flintstones
15:28 Madison
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Different Driving
17:00 News magazine
17:30 Click
18:00 Roseanne
18:33 Dave's World
19:00 Lethal Money
20:00 News
20:30 Wheel of Fortune
21:35 Chicago Hope
22:35 Poetics of the Masses
23:17 Documentary Box
23:48 The Flamingo Kid (1984) – a youngster from Brooklyn gets a summer job at a beach resort, despite his father's objections. With Matt Dillon
00:00 News
00:05 The Flamingo Kid – contd.
1:45 Portrait of Evil – mini-series set in Nazi Germany
2:30 Beadles About
2:55 On the Edge of the Shelf

■ JORDAN TV

14:00 Holy Koran
14:10 Cartoons
15:00 Energy Express
16:00 American Chart Show
18:00 French programs
19:00 News in French
19:30 News headlines
19:35 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
20:00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema
20:30 National Geographic
21:10 Renegade
22:00 News in English
22:30 One West Waikiki
23:15 Sisters

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

10:30 Changed Lives
11:00 Ministry
11:30 Hour of Power
12:30 Central Message
13:00 Love Worth Finding
14:00 This Is Your Day
14:30 John Osteen
15:00 In Touch
16:00 Snowy River
16:55 Wishbone
17:20 The A-Team
18:10 Hunter
19:00 Lou Grant
19:50 Remington Steele
20:40 Hill Street Blues
21:30 Water Rats
22:30 Rhoda
23:00 Newhart
23:30 First Flight

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 News
16:15 Playing With Fire
17:05 Weekly Column
18:15 The Tyrant
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 News in Russian
20:00 News
20:45 Telekassef
21:15 Blah Blah
22:30 NBA Stars – Rockin' the Rim
23:20 Ray Bradbury Theater

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Jake and the Kid
16:35 Hot Science (rpt)
17:10 A.J., Time Traveller (rpt)
18:00 Cybernews
18:30 Diving in the Red Sea
19:00 Through Our Eyes
19:30 Vis à Vis
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 Destinos
21:00 The Onedin Line
21:50 Ulysses' Gaze (1995) – a tourist in the war-torn Balkans travels in the footsteps of the legendary hero Ulysses, in search of a lost film from the turn of the century. With Harvey Keitel (169 mins.)

■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

7:00 Deep Blue Special
7:30 Pearl (rpt)
8:00 Dallas (rpt)
9:00 One Life to Live
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt)
11:15 Zingara (rpt)
12:00 Barnaby Jones
12:45 The Commish
13:35 Wings
14:00 Dallas
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:40 Ricki Lake
16:30 Zingara
17:15 One Life to Live
18:00 Good Evening
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Beverly Hills 90210
20:25 Channel 3 on the Town
21:10 Cafe Paris – new, second season
21:35 Mad About You – the popular American comedy series returns for its fifth season
22:00 Yair Lapid Live at 10 – new daily talk show
22:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas
23:00 Seinfeld
23:25 Babylon 5
00:15 The Streets of San Francisco
1:05 Barnaby Jones

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Broken Lullaby (1994) – an American in Europe is taken in by a handsome and mysterious antique dealer.
13:00 Seeing Stars
13:50 The West Side Waltz (1995) – the relationship between three women. With Shirley MacLaine, Liza Minnelli and Kathy Bates
15:25 To Be or Not to Be (1942) – classic comedy by Ernst Lubitsch with Carole Lombard, Jack Benny and Robert Stack
17:05 Honor Thy Father and Mother (1994) – true story of the Menendez brothers who murdered their parents
18:45 The Fifth Monkey (1990) – A poor peasant goes to the big city to raise the money to get married. With Ben Kingsley
20:30 The Haunting of Lisa (1995) – a child has visions after a murder shakes her small town
22:00 Closer and Closer (1995) – a thriller writer is stalked by a reader. With Kim Delaney
23:35 Whiskey Down (1996) – black comedy about a man who drops dead of a heart attack after winning the lottery. Soon everyone around schemes to get their hands on the winning ticket
1:00 Sexual Response (1992) – erotic thriller (90 mins.)

■ CHILDREN (6)

8:30 Cartoons
9:05 Robinson Sucro
9:40 Dennis the Menace
10:20 What a Mess
10:50 Freakazoid
11:20 Ren and Stimpy
11:30 Hot-Air Balloon
12:00 Family Matters
12:20 Animaniacs
13:00 Kirk
13:30 Hugo
14:00 Chiquititas
14:50 Little Mouse
15:05 Honey Bee Hutch
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19:00 Hugo
19:30 Helen and the Boys
20:00 Three's Company
20:25 Married with Children
20:50 Roseanne
21:15 Cosby Show
21:45 Different World

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:10 Life is Sweet (1990) – Mike Leigh's bleak, comic portrait of dynamics in a British family during the Thatcher era. With Timothy Spall and Jane Horrocks
23:55 Quiet Days in Clichy (French, 1989) – an adaptation of Henry Miller's novel about life in Paris (100 mins.)

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University
8:00 Wonders of Weather
8:30 On the Road Again
9:00 Wildflowers (rpt)
9:30 Kiri Te Kanawa's 50th Birthday Concert
12:05 Seven Times with Josef Suk: Haydn
12:30 Power of Magic
13:30 Ruby Wax Does the Season, part 3 (rpt)
13:55 Pelican Island
14:25 Rites of Death
15:15 Houdini (rpt)
16:05 National Geographic: Who Built the Pyramids
17:00 Open University
19:00 The Power of Magic
20:00 Ruby Wax Does the Season, part 4 – opera
20:30 Before Their Time – new series on technological advances in the ancient world
21:20 Isaac Newton
22:10 National Geographic: Black Widow
23:05 Open University

■ NBC SUPERCHANNEL

6:00 Executive Lifestyles
6:30 The Ticket
7:00 Travel Xpress
7:30 Inspiration
9:00 Hour of Power
10:00 Time and Again
11:00 European Living
12:00 Super Shop
13:00 Golfer's Travels
13:30 Gillette Sport
14:00 Inside PGA Tour
15:00 This Week in Baseball
15:30 Major League Baseball
17:00 WNBA Basketball
19:00 The McLaughlin Group
19:30 Meet the Press
20:30 Scan
21:00 Time and Again
22:00 Tennis: RCA Championship
23:00 The Tonight Show With Jay Leno
00:00 TECX (rpt)
1:00 Talkin' Jazz (rpt)
1:30 The Ticket
2:00 The Tonight Show
3:00 Intemight
Weekend

■ STAR PLUS (unconfirmed)

6:00 Hindi shows
9:00 Great Escape
9:30 Cookery Show
10:00 Hindi shows
19:00 A Question of Answers
19:30 Star News Sunday
20:30 Krishna Musical Special
21:30 India Business Week
22:00 Star News Sunday
23:00 The Look (rpt)
00:00 Tulsa (1949) – a feisty woman is determined to drill for oil. With Susan Hayward and Robert Peterson
2:00 Burke's Law

■ CHANNEL 5

6:30 Bodies in Motion
16:00 Bodies in Motion
16:30 Showjumping
17:00 WNBA Action
17:30 Futbol Mundial
18:00 English Soccer: Newcastle vs. Aston Villa
19:00 Hi-5
19:30 International Journal
20:30 English Soccer: Barnsley vs. Chelsea
22:00 English Soccer
23:00 Fabulous World of Speed
23:30 Israeli Basketball – season roundup

■ EUROSPORT

9:30 Water Ski World Cup
10:00 Swimming: Euro Championship
12:15 Touring Car
13:00 Truck Racing
14:00 Swimming: Euro Championship
15:00 Canoeing: Flatwater Racing World Championship
17:15 Swimming: Euro Championship
19:00 ATP Tour
21:00 Canoeing
22:00 Nascar
23:30 Touring Car
00:30 WPGA Tour
1:00 Swimming: Euro Championship

■ STAR SPORTS (unconfirmed)

6:30 Asia Sports Show
7:00 Auto: Formula 1 Belgian Qualifier
8:00 Golf: Omega Tour
10:00 Powerboats
10:30 Rugby: Tri series
12:00 Triathlon, Germany
14:00 High 5
14:15 Auto: Formula 1 Belgian Qualifier
18:00 Inside PGA Tour
19:30 Sailing Magazine
20:00 Omega Tour
21:00 Formula Nippon
22:00 Super League Rugby
00:00 Inside PGA Tour
00:30 Triathlon, Germany

■ BBC WORLD

News on the hour
6:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
7:30 This Week (rpt)
8:30 India Business Report
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 Window on Europe (rpt)
11:30 Airport
12:05 The Dynasty
13:30 Flavours of India
14:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
15:05 Global Report
16:05 Breakfast with Frost
17:30 India Business
18:05 Horizon (rpt)
19:30 Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld
20:05 The Dynasty
21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
22:05 Global Report
23:30 Tomorrow's World (rpt)
00:00 Newsdesk & World Business Report
2:05 Horizon (rpt)

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL

News through the day
6:05 Both Sides with Jesse Jackson
6:30 Evans and Novak
7:30 Global View
8:30 Style
9:30 World Sport
10:30 Science and Technology Week
11:30 Computer Connection
12:30 Showbiz This Week
13:30 World Business Week
14:30 World Sport
15:30 Pro Golf Weekly
16:00 Larry King Weekend (rpt)
17:30 World Sport (rpt)
18:30 Science and Technology Week
19:00 Late Edition
20:30 Moneyweek
21:00 World Report
23:30 Best of Insight
00:00 Early Prime
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
1:30 Style
2:00 Asia Today
2:30 Earth Matters

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

8:06 Morning Concert
9:05 Haydn: Divertissement in B flat; Vivaldi: Concerto in A minor for 2 violins, strings and continuo; Beethoven: Sonata no 3 in A for cello and piano op 69; Brahms: Piano concerto no 2; Brahms: 4 Songs; Rachmaninoff: Elegiac Trio no 1 in G minor for piano, violin and cello; Franck: Symphony in D minor
12:00 Light Classical – Paraphrases. Works by Verdi, Doppler, Tchaikovsky, Wagner, Liszt
13:00 Artist of the Week – Thomas Demenga, cello. Bach: Suite no 3 in C for cello solo BWV 1009; Elliott Carter: Enchanted Preludes for flute and cello (with Racine), Triple Duo for violin, cello, flute, clarinet, piano and percussion
14:06 Encore
15:00 New CD – pianist Walter Hauzig in works by Schubert
16:00 Music for Sunday – Biber: Requiem in A; Brahms: A German Requiem
18:00 Tchaikovsky: Symphony no 6 "Pathétique"; Mahler: Das Lied von der Erde
20:05 From Our Concert Halls – (1) Camerata Strings Mozart: Divertimento in D K136; Tchaikovsky: Suite from The Seasons; Vivaldi: The Four Seasons. (2) Rinat Choir; Anat Sharon (piano). Works by Ben-Haim, Brahms, Lotti, Kodaly, Mordechai Seter, Argov, Seltzer and others
23:00 Sounds to End the Day

PRIME TIME TV

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19:30	News flash Home Improvement		Beverly Hills 90210		Helen and the Boys	
20:00	News	News			Three's Company Married with Children	Ruby Wax Does the Season
20:30		Wheel of Fortune	Channel 3 on the Town	The Haunting of Lisa		Before Their Time
	A Second Look				Roseanne	
21:00			Cafe Paris		Cosby Show	Isaac Newton
21:30	World Soccer	Chicago Hope	Mad About You		Different World	
22:00			Yair Lapid Live at 10	Closer and Closer	Life is Sweet	National Geographic: Black Widow
22:30	The Ruth Rendell Mysteries	Poetics of the Masses	Love Story with Yossi Slyas			
23:00			Seinfeld			

MOVIES

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE Airplane 5 • Fierce Creatures 7 • Breaking the Waves 9:30 G.G. GIL Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 The Lost World∞Batman & Robin 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Bean∞Liar Liar∞Dr. Jekyll & Ms. Hyde 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Addicted to Love∞Austin Powers∞That Old Feeling 7:15, 9:45 • Ali Baba (Hebrew dialogue)∞The Adventures of Pinocchio ∞Space Truckers 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 4:45 JERUSALEM THEATER Afterglow 7, 9:30 • RAV CHEN 1-7 ☎ 6792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Men in Black 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 • George of the Jungle 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Breakdown 7:30, 9:45 • In Love & War 7:30, 9:45 • Con Air 7:15, 9:45 • Anaconda 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Hercules (English dialogue) 7:30 • Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 • Fly Away Home 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 • 101 Dalmatians∞Romy & Michele 11 a.m., 1, 5 • Wild America 11 a.m., 1 MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL ☎ 5700868 Kolya 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Ali Baba (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m., 4:45 • That Old Feeling 7:15, 9:45 SMADAR ☎ 5618168 The Fifth Element 2:45, 10 • Microcosmos 11 a.m., 5, 6:30, 8 • Secrets and Lies 12:15

TEL AVIV
GAT In Love & War 5, 7:30, 9:45 GORDON La Promesse 6, 8, 10 G.G. HOD 1-4 ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Bean 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10 • Space Truckers 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5 • Killing Zoe 7:30, 10 • Austin Powers 5, 7:30, 10 • The Lost World 11:30 a.m., 1:45 • Addicted to Love 7:30, 10 • Ali Baba (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5 LEV The Fifth Element 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • Microcosmos 1:45 a.m., 1:45, 3:45, 6, 8, 10 • Secrets and Lies 11 a.m., 7:30, 10 • The English Patient 1:30, 6:45, 9:45 • Self-Made Hero 11:15 a.m. • Shine 4:45 • The Prisoner of the Mountains 1:30, 5 • Beautiful Thing 3 G.G. PETER Bean∞Dr. Jekyll & Ms. Hyde 11 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Addicted to Love∞Austin Powers 7:30, 10 • Ali Baba (Hebrew dialogue) ∞The Adventures of Pinocchio (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m., 5 • That Old Feeling 10 • Batman & Robin 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:30 RAV-CHEN ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Center Men in Black∞George of the Jungle 11 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Anaconda 7:30, 9:45 • Breakdown ∞Hercules (English dialogue) 7:30, 9:45 • Con Air 2:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) ∞Fly Away Home∞101 Dalmatians 11 a.m., 2:30, 5 • Wild America 11 a.m. RAV-OR 1-5 ☎ 5102674 Opera House Roseanne's Grave∞Private Parts ∞Grosse Pointe Blank 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Donnie Brasco G.G. TEL AVIV ☎ 5281181 65 Pinsker St. The Lost World∞Batman & Robin 4:45, 7:30, 10 • Dr. Jekyll & Ms. Hyde 5, 7:30, 10 TEL AVIV MUSEUM Gabbeh∞A Moment of Innocence 5, 8, 10 • Charlie & Louise 11 a.m., 2

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CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 8325755 The Prisoner of the Mountains 1 9:30 • Shine St., 7:15 • Kolya 7:15, 9:30 GLOBECITY ☎8569900 The Fifth Element 7, 9:30 • In Love & War 7, 9:30 • Bean 11 a.m., 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Dr. Jekyll & Ms. Hyde 7, 9:30 • Addicted to Love 7, 9:30 • Batman & Robin 11 a.m., 4:30 • The Lost World 11 a.m., 4:30 • Ali Baba 11 a.m., 5 • Austin Powers 11 a.m., 4:45 MORIAH ☎8643654 The Fifth Element 7:30, 9:45 ORLY ☎ 8381868 The English Patient 6, 9:15 PANORAMA Afterglow∞Addicted to Love 7, 9:30 • Ali Baba∞The Lost World 11 a.m., 4:30 • Batman & Robin 11 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:30 RAV-GAT 1-2 ☎ 8674311 Men in Black 11 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Anaconda 4:30, 7, 9:30 RAV-MOR 1-7 ☎ 8416898 Men in Black 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 • Breakdown 7, 9:30 • Con Air 7, 9:30 • Anaconda 7:15, 9:30 • In Love & War 7, 9:30 • George of the Jungle 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Hercules (English dialogue) 7:15 • Fly Away Home 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 • That Darn Cat 11 a.m., 1, 5 • Wild America 11 a.m., 1, 5 • Romy & Michele 11 a.m., 1:15, 5 RAV-OR 1-3 ☎ 8246553 Roseanna's Grave 7, 9:30 • Breakdown 9:30 • George of the Jungle 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:15 • Fly Away Home 11 a.m., 5

AFULA
RAV CHEN ☎ 6424047 Men in Black 11 a.m., 5, 7:15, 9:30 • George of the Jungle 11 a.m., 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 5 • Anaconda 7:15, 9:30

ARAD
STAR ☎9950904 Men in Black 5, 8, 10 • The Adventures of Pinocchio (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m. • Space Truckers 8, 10 • Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m., 5 • Breakdown 8, 10 • Batman & Robin 11:30 a.m., 5

ARIEL
The Lost World 6, 9

ASHDOD
G.G. GIL ☎ 8647202 Batman & Robin∞The Fifth Element ∞The Lost World 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:30, 10 • Liar Liar 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Addicted to Love 7:30, 10 • The Adventures of Pinocchio (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m., 5 ORLY Space Truckers∞Bean 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Dr. Jekyll & Ms. Hyde 7:30, 10 • Ali Baba (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m., 5 RAV CHEN ☎6661120 Men in Black∞George of the Jungle 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Speed 2 9:45 • Anaconda 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Breakdown 7:30, 9:45 • Con Air 7:15, 9:45 • Hercules (English dialogue) 7:30 • That Darn Cat 11 a.m. • 101 Dalmatians ∞Fly Away Home∞Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 5

ASHKELON
G.G. GIL ☎ 729977 Bean∞Dr Jekyll & Ms. Hyde 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Batman & Robin 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:30, 10 • Addicted to Love 10 • The Lost World 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:30 • The Fifth Element 7:30, 10 • Ali Baba (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m., 5 RAV CHEN Anaconda∞Breakdown 7:30, 9:45 • George of the Jungle∞Men in Black 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Hercules (English dialogue) 7:30 • Private Parts 9:45 • Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) ∞That Darn Cat∞101 Dalmatians 11 a.m., 5

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RAV CHEN Breakdown∞Addicted to Love 7:30, 9:45 • Speed 2∞Con Air 7:15, 9:45 • Anaconda 7:30, 9:45 • Men in Black 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 • George of the Jungle 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Fly Away Home∞Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) ∞Ali Baba 11 a.m., 5 • The Lost World 11 a.m., 5 • Batman & Robin 11 a.m., 5

BEERSHEBA
G.G. GIL ☎6440771 Bean 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Addicted to Love∞Austin Powers 7:30, 10 • Liar Liar∞The Stupids 11:30 a.m., 5 • The Fifth Element 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:30, 10 G.G. ORI ☎8103111 Dr. Jekyll & Ms. Hyde 5, 7:30, 10 • Space Truckers 11:30 a.m. • The Lost World∞Batman & Robin 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:30, 10 • That Old Feeling 7:30, 10 • Ali Baba (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m., 5 RAV-NEGEV 1-4 ☎6235278 Men in Black 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 • George of the Jungle 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Breakdown 9:45 • Fly Away Home ∞Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 5 • Hercules (English dialogue) 7:30 • Anaconda 7:30, 9:45

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HADERA
LEV Anaconda 5, 7:30, 10 • The Fifth Element 12:30, 5, 7:30, 10 • Fly Away Home 10:30 a.m. • Men in Black 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 5, 7:30, 10 • Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) 10:30 a.m., 12:30 • Donnie Brasco 5, 7:30, 10 • Ali Baba (Hebrew dialogue) 10:30 a.m., 12:30

HERZLIYA
COLONY ☎6902666 Donnie Brasco ∞Microcosmos 5:30, 7:45, 10 HOLIDAY Anna Karenina 7:45, 10 • Batman & Robin 11:30 a.m., 5 STAR ☎ 589068 Bean 11 a.m., 4, 6, 8, 10 • Breakdown 5:45, 7:45, 10 • Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 4 • Men in Black 5:45, 7:45, 10 • The Adventures of Pinocchio (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 4

HOD HASHARON
GIL Men in Black 7:30, 10 • Ali Baba (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m., 5 • Addicted to Love 10 • George of the Jungle 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30 • Bean 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Anaconda 5, 7:30, 10 • Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m.

KARMIEL
CINEMA Anaconda 7:15, 9:30 • Men in Black∞George of the Jungle 11 a.m., 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 5

KFAR SAVA
G.G. GIL ☎7677370 Men in Black 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10 • Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m., 1:30 • Dr. Jekyll & Ms. Hyde 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • The Fifth Element 7:30, 10 • Ali Baba (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5 • Bean 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10 • Austin Powers∞Addicted to Love 10 • Batman & Robin∞The Lost World 11:30 a.m., 1:45, 4:45, 7:30 • George of the Jungle 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10

KIRYAT BIALIK
GIL Dr. Jekyll & Ms. Hyde 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:15, 9:45 • The Fifth Element 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Speed 2 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:15, 9:45 • The Adventures of Pinocchio (Hebrew dialogue) 1 • Addicted to Love 5, 7:15, 9:45 • The English Patient 7, 9:30 • Space Truckers 11 a.m. • Batman & Robin 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:15, 9:45 • The Lost World 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Liar Liar 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Austin Powers 5, 7:15, 9:45 • The Adventures of Pinocchio (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m. • Bean 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Ali Baba (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m.

KIRYAT SHMONA
G.G. GIL ☎6905080 Men in Black∞Kolya 11:30 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Breakdown 7, 9:30 • Ali Baba (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m., 4:30

LOD
STAR ☎9246923 Men in Black 11 a.m., 5, 8, 10 • Breakdown 5, 8, 10 • The Adventures of Pinocchio (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m. • Space Truckers 8, 10 • That Darn Cat 11 a.m., 5

NAHARIYA
HEICHAL HATARBUT Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 5 • Ghosts of the Past 8:30

UPPER NAZARETH
G.G GIL That Old Feeling 9:30 • The Lost World 11:30 a.m., 4:30, 7 • Kolya 11:30 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Men in Black 11:30 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Austin Powers 9:30 • Batman & Robin 11:30 a.m., 4:30, 7 • Anaconda 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m. • Bean 11:30 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:30 • The Fifth Element 7, 9:30 • Ali Baba (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m., 4:30

NESS ZIONA
G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 404729 Bean∞Dr. Jekyll & Ms. Hyde 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Addicted to Love 10 • Batman & Robin 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:30 • The Fifth Element 7:30, 10 • Ali Baba (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m., 5

NETANYA
G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 628452 Bean∞Dr. Jekyll & Ms. Hyde 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • The Fifth Element 7:30, 10 • Space Truckers∞Ali Baba (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m., 5 • Addicted to Love 10 • Batman & Robin 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:30 • Austin Powers 7:30, 10 RAV CHEN ☎ 8618570 Men in Black∞George of the Jungle 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Breakdown 9:45 • Hercules (English dialogue) 7:30 • Anaconda 7:30, 9:45 • Fly Away Home∞Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1, 5

PETAH TIKVA
G.G. HECHAL Men in Black 5, 7:30, 10 • The Lost World 4:45, 7:30, 10 • Breakdown 5, 7:30, 10 G.G. RAM 1-3 ☎ 9340818 Austin Powers∞Liar Liar∞That Old Feeling 7:30 SIRKIN The Fifth Element 7:30, 10 • Ali Baba (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5 • Dr. Jekyll & Ms. Hyde 7:30, 10 • Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5 • Addicted to Love 10 • Batman & Robin 11:30 a.m., 1:45, 4:45, 7:30 • Bean 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10 • Anaconda 5, 7:30, 10 • The Lost World 11:30 a.m., 1:45 • George of the Jungle 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10

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RAMAT GAN
RAV-GAN 1-4 ☎ 6197121 George of the Jungle 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 • Hercules (English dialogue) 7:30 • Breakdown 9:45 • Fly Away Home 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 • Bean 7:30, 9:45 • Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 • Batman & Robin 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 • In Love & War 7:30, 9:45 RAV-OASIS 1-3 ☎ 6730687 Men in Black 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Speed 2 9:45 • Ali Baba 11 a.m. • The Lost World 11 a.m., 5, 7:15 • Anaconda 5, 7:30, 9:45

RAMAT HASHARON
KOKHAV Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 5 • Afterglow 7:15, 9:45

REHOVOT
CHEN Afterglow 11 a.m., 5, 7:45, 10 • Microcosmos 7:30, 9:45 • The Fifth Element 11 a.m., 5, 10 • The English Patient 7 • Bean 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Charlie & Louise 11 a.m., 5 RAV MOR Anaconda 7:30, 9:45 • Breakdown 9:45 • George of the Jungle 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Men in Black 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • In Love & War 7:15, 9:45 • Private Parts 9:45 • Breakdown 9:45 • Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1, 5 • Batman & Robin 11 a.m., 5 • Fly Away Home 11 a.m., 5 • The Lost World 11 a.m., 5, 7:30 • Hercules (English dialogue) 7:30

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GIL 1-3 The Fifth Element 7:30, 10 • Ali Baba (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5 • Austin Powers 10 • Batman & Robin 11:30 a.m., 1:45, 4:45, 7:30 • Bean 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10 HAZAHAV George of the Jungle 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10 • The Fifth Element 7:30, 10 • The Lost World 11:30 a.m., 1:45 • Addicted to Love 10 • Batman & Robin 11:30 a.m., 1:45, 4:45, 7:30 • Dr. Jekyll & Ms. Hyde 7:30, 10 • Ali Baba (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5 • Breakdown 10 • Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5 • Kolya 5, 7:30, 10 RAV CHEN Men in Black 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 • Fly Away Home 11 a.m., 1:15, 5 • George of the Jungle 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Breakdown 9:45 • Anaconda 7:30, 9:45 • Hercules (English dialogue) 7:30 • Hercules (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1, 5 STAR Bean 11:30 a.m., 4, 6, 8, 10 • Space Truckers 8, 10 • Fly Away Home 11:30 a.m. • Men in Black 11:30 a.m., 4, 6, 8, 10 • Anaconda 4, 6, 8, 10 • The Adventures of Pinocchio (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m., 5

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Matthew Strauss

NEWS
in brief

Walker to replace Indyk – report
Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has chosen Edward "Ned" Walker, the American ambassador to Egypt, as the next US envoy to Israel, *US News & World Report* said in its September 1 issue, quoting unnamed US sources. Walker would replace Martin Indyk, the magazine reported.

State Department officials, meanwhile, downplayed expectations for Albright's trip to the region next month, saying the trip itself would help her decide what the US should do next to advance the peace process, *US News* said. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Hammer to assume Religious Affairs portfolio
Education Minister Zevulun Hammer of the National Religious Party also will become Religious Affairs Minister today – for one year. He will be replacing Interior Minister Eli Suissa of Shas, who held the portfolio for the past year.

The NRP and Shas hotly competed over the portfolio when the government was formed last year, and the feud posed a threat to the formation of the coalition until the rotation formula was proposed. Even then, the two parties quarreled further over who would get the ministry first, until the NRP backed down. *Sarah Honig*

State to ask again to extend Ben-Ari's remand
The State Attorney's Office will today request a further remand from the High Court of Justice for Zvi Ben-Ari (Gregory Lerner) who is suspected of being a central organized crime figure here.

Two weeks ago, the court, at the request of the prosecution, had extended Ben-Ari's remand beyond the 90-day period permitted by law. Prosecution officials said Friday that new information had been received from abroad which made further detention necessary.

During the previous hearing for an extension, the court had said that only a "dramatic" development would lead them to extend the remand further. *Batsheva Tsur*

Shahak to receive jail riot report today
The internal IDF inquiry into the events surrounding the bloodless takeover of Prison 6 last month is to be handed over to Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak today. The report was compiled by Brig. Avraham Asael, who presented it to OC Manpower Maj.-Gen. Gideon Sheffer. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

Ex-Nazi Priebke loses latest bid for freedom
Former Nazi captain Erich Priebke yesterday lost his latest bid for release from prison after his war crimes conviction.

A military tribunal rejected his appeal of an order upholding his detention. The former SS officer was convicted last month of taking part in a wartime Rome massacre in which 335 civilians lost their lives. *AP*

Israel to advance $500,000 to Australian athletes

Jerusalem Post Staff

The government said on Friday it was advancing $500,000 to Australian athletes injured in the collapse of a pedestrian bridge at the Maccabiah Games last month as temporary compensation for the disaster.

The Prime Minister's Office announced the athletes would return the sum once insurance companies, at odds over who was responsible, pay out claims to those hurt.

"The prime minister asked the finance minister today to transfer $500,000 to the injured of the Maccabiah disaster as a loan until insurance companies transfer the compensation they deserve," a statement said.

The bridge collapse killed four and injured 43.

An inquiry found faulty design, materials and construction led to the disaster. Officials of the Australian delegation sought compensation for the injured.

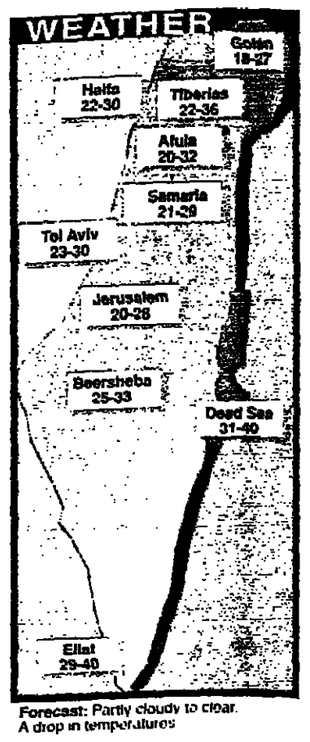
"The compensation for the casualties has been delayed because of a dispute over the responsibility for the payments between the insurance companies of various bodies involved in the disaster," the statement by Netanyahu's office said.

"The money will be returned to...[Israel] after the injured receive the compensation they deserve from the insurance companies," it said.



Milky Way
Russian flight commander Vasily Tsibliyev floats aboard the Mir space station while holding a carton of Tnuva long-life milk, in a commercial for the dairy filmed on July 25 and shown on Channel 2 last week. (AP)

WEATHER



Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear. A drop in temperatures

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Buenos Aires	16	6	partcloudy
Cairo	34	21	partcloudy
Chicago	28	18	partcloudy
Copenhagen	17	8	cloudy
Frankfurt	20	10	partcloudy
Geneva	22	10	partcloudy
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Moscow	23	12	clear
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Nice	31	20	partcloudy
Paris	28	16	clear
Rome	31	18	cloudy
Stockholm	19	11	clear
Sydney	17	8	clear
Tokyo	33	25	cloudy
Toronto	28	16	partcloudy
Zurich	26	14	partcloudy

Winning cards
In Friday's Chance drawing, the winning cards were the ace of spades, 10 of hearts, jack of diamonds and queen of clubs.

Egyptian union bans filmmaker for Israel visit

CAIRO (Reuters) – Egypt's entertainment arts union has thrown out a film director who visited Israel in violation of its ban against ties with Israel, a newspaper said yesterday.

The government daily *al-Gomhuriya* said the Association of Entertainment Arts Professions passed a decree on Friday to dismiss Hossam el-Deen Mostafa. He will not be able to work as a director in Egypt without membership in the union. Union officials were not available for comment.

Al-Gomhuriya said the association ordered Mostafa's dismissal "for his violation of the association's decree barring any ties with Israel."

"The association described comments made by Hossam el-Deen Mostafa on a television program on his visit to Israel and his decision to normalize cultural and artistic ties with Israel as damaging to the honor of the profession," the paper said.

Arad shuts door on IDF career

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Maj.-Gen. Shmuel Arad, outgoing OC Home Front, has turned down a number of offers to remain in the IDF and has decided to quit the service after 31 years. He is to be replaced in the near future by Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ofir, former commander of IDF forces in Judea and Samaria.

Arad, 51, has been a quiet critic of Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak for his promotion of younger staff generals, sidelining those with more experience. Arad's decision to quit came after last week's announcement that Brig.-Gen. Yom Tov Samia, 43, was being promoted to major-general and given the choice post of OC Southern Command. Samia replaces Maj.-Gen. Shlomo Yanai, 45, who takes over as head of the Planning Branch.

It is not the first time that Shahak has overlooked older officers. Last year, Arad reportedly took his complaint to then-defense minister Shimon Peres to protest the situation. Arad continued to protest to his former colleague Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai. The pair met recently and Mordechai offered Arad a number of positions and encouraged him to remain in the service.

But after consultations with Shahak and Mordechai, the IDF Spokesman announced last night, Arad decided to end his post in the near future and would muster out of the military.

Like most members of the general staff, Arad is a veteran paratrooper and had an illustrious combat career which included participation in the 1976 Entebbe rescue operation and the bloody 1973 battle at the Chinese Farm in the Sinai. He was Chief Infantry and Paratroops Officer and, after commanding a division, Arad was made director of operations of the general staff. For the past three years, Arad has commanded the Home Front.

Meshulam supporters indicted

Four of Uzi Meshulam's supporters were indicted in Tel Aviv District Court on Friday for maliciously endangering public safety and causing damage. They were remanded until tomorrow, when the court will hear a request they be remanded until the end of the legal proceedings.

Eren Gabai, 22, of Petah Tikva, Sinai Hassan, 25, of Rosh Ha'ayin, and two minors were accused of tampering with traffic lights at four major intersections.

Attorney Tova Perry, of the central region district attorney's office, said that Hassan's fingerprints were found on one of the traffic lights, and that he was arrested next to another one, while driving a car without having a driver's license. The four caused NIS 70,000 in damage to each traffic light, she said.

Meanwhile, Menahem Shrama, who is suspected of bombing the Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court, had his remand extended until tomorrow. Shrama, also a Meshulam supporter, was arrested last Monday, shortly after a pipe bomb went off in the court, causing serious damage. (Itim)

Romania's pension move praised

BUCHAREST (Reuters) – Romania's move to award pension rights to expatriates, including thousands of Romanian Jews who have emigrated to Israel, earned praise from international Jewish community leaders on Friday.

"I want to express our gratitude to the Romanian government for its positive attitude towards the communal claims of the Jewish people in Romania and for individual claims for pensions and compensations," said Naphtali Lavie, vice chairman of the World Jewish Restitution Organization.

His statement was a reaction to a ruling made by the Romanian government last month to award pensions to people who emigrated from Romania under the former communist regime.

The move, adopted by the ruling centrists who ousted leftists in elections last year, entitles Romanians "who have elected residence abroad to claim full length-of-service pension rights."

Bucharest's embassy in Israel had told Romanian-born Jews that they were eligible to receive old-age pensions from Romania, Lavie said.

Lithuania denies Lileikis case stalling

VILNIUS, Lithuania (AP) – Lithuania denied accusations Friday that it has stalled prosecution to protect a former American citizen suspected of helping Nazis kill Jews during World War II.

The government was responding to accusations from the Wiesenthal Center, the Baltic News Service said.

The center has long urged that 89-year-old Aleksandras Lileikis and other suspected Nazi collaborators be brought to trial.

Lithuania's prosecutor general has refused to indict Lileikis, who is in poor health, until doctors say he is healthy enough to withstand questioning.

New legislation is being prepared that would allow the interrogation of suspected war criminals regardless of their health, government spokesman Kestutis Cilinskas said in a statement, according to the news service.

Lileikis is accused of running a secret police force from 1941 to 1944 in the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius during the Nazi occupation.

He fled to Lithuania last year after he was stripped of his American citizenship. US officials were preparing to deport him for concealing his wartime activities when he arrived in the US in 1955.

An estimated 40,000 Jews are believed to have been killed in Vilnius between 1941 and 1944.

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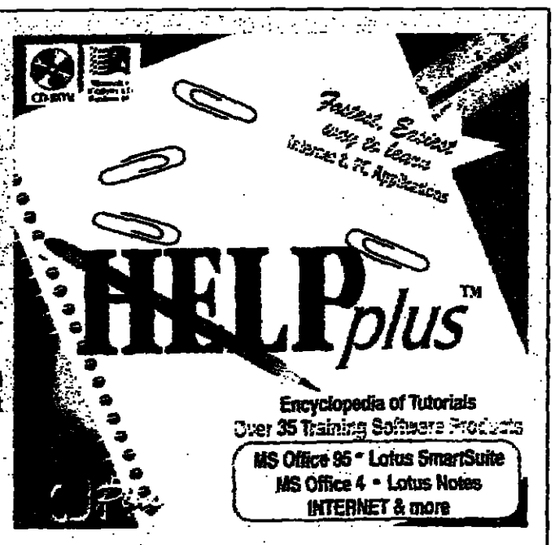
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